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Council holds line on landscape fee

Citizens already hit hard by tax and fee increases

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — While the city's community services division works diligently to meet the City Council's goal of 100 percent cost recovery in its recreational and childcare programs, El Cerrito is not necessarily recovering 100 percent of its expenditures in other service areas.

City Manager Gary Pokorny said Monday that the city's lighting and landscaping assessment does not cover the expense of those services.

The City Council, however, after a public hearing

at which only one resident spoke, set the assessment at only \$72 per residential unit, an amount which has not changed in the five years since it went into effect. That amount generates approximately \$745,000 in revenue which is used for the maintenance of street trees and parks, landscaping public facilities, street sweeping and street lighting.

Resident Al Miller urged council members to consider raising the assessment, which it could do without a public vote. The city could raise the amount to cover the actual costs of anything the state allows under that type of assessment. Services in the area could be increased, for example, and the fees adjusted accordingly.

Miller pointed out the difficult financial picture El Cerrito faces and the cuts in staff and services it has

already been forced to make. Raising the assessment, he told the council, is one of the only ways left open to the city to generate funds which the state cannot touch. Services could be increased; money saved from the general fund could be used for other purposes.

He urged that the city at least increase the assessment by a cost of living or inflation adjustment from the 1988 figure.

Why did the council choose not to pursue this possibility, when services funding has become such a critical issue?

According to Administrative Services Jim Randall, the \$72 assessment covers only about 75 percent of the costs that have been identified as eligible ones under

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Kensington says no

KENSINGTON — Voters soundly defeated Measure Y in Tuesday's election. The measure would have raised the limit on the Kensington fire district special tax for fire protection to \$350 for single-family residences for one year as well as raising taxes on other types of property.

Currently the tax ceiling for single family homes is \$83.

According to the county's election department Wednesday afternoon, the count was 717 yes, 910 no.

Proponents had pointed to the strong possibility that special district augmentation funds, needed for the survival of the fire department as is, will be cut back when Sacramento sets its 1993/94 budget.

Plaza BART development plans on hold

By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — A firm decision on the future of a joint mixed-use development at El Cerrito Plaza BART can't come too soon for Jeff Ordway, manager of property development for BART. He's been waiting months to have something solid to offer interested developers.

It was 1991 when developers were asked to submit plans for joint development projects at the El Cerrito BART stations. Six submitted proposals, said Ordway. Two have since dropped out; two were interested just in the El Cerrito Plaza Station.

When another BART division and the city of El Cerrito began to pursue regional garage funding, the City Council suggested the same site BART had been offering the developers, Ordway said. Meetings were then set up with the developers, who said it would be difficult but workable to combine both structures.

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Mary Wieland promises to match paint chips for graffiti victims

Dave Greer

Graffiti-busters leading the way

By Dave Greer

"Graffiti busting" — the quick removal of graffiti from stores, homes, and all other places where it rears its ugly head — is a good idea begun in Albany and now spreading to neighboring cities and local TV.

"Emeryville, Richmond, and Berkeley are all now interested in setting up programs like ours," said Steven Freiberg, chairman of the Albany Graffiti Busters.

"In early March Emeryville Mayor Nora Davis called a graffiti summit at which we gave a presentation on our

removal techniques," Freiberg continued. "The meeting ended with a decision to start a parallel program — Emeryville Graffiti Busters — and to adopt a modified AGB logo with only the name of the city changed.

Two weeks later, Contra Costa County Supervisor Tom Powers convened a meeting in Richmond — Richmond Graffiti Busters. Both towns are now searching for volunteers and establishing resource contacts."

Berkeley City Councilwoman Shirley Dean has become interested in the Albany program and has requested

a demonstration, Freiberg said.

Recently Freiberg was video taped demonstrating graffiti removal techniques at various locations around town by members of Bob Allegretti's Albany High School video class working for extra credit. An officer from the Emeryville Police Department also followed the demonstration for an "infomercial" to be used in Emeryville.

The 15-minute video should be shown periodically on the Albany Channel (17) of Century Cable in a week or two, Freiberg said. Century's General

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Local student wins spot on U.S. geography team

Jory Hecht, seventh grader at Albany Middle School, has been chosen as one of four students to represent the United States at the International Geography Olympiad in London. He will compete against students from the United Kingdom and Russia at the Royal Geographic Society Headquarters.

Jory, the California state winner, was a finalist in the National Geography Bee in Washington, D.C., sharing fourth place with the New York and Utah winners.

Jory and his parents will be flown to England for the contest and tours of the London area. The U.S. team is sponsored by the National Geographic Society in cooperation with Citibank.

Jory's appointment concludes a remarkable year for Albany students in national academic competition. In May, four Albany High students won first place in the national Science Bowl contest.

Jory was accompanied to Washington by his teacher, Janet Teel. Jack MacFarland coordinates the Geography Bee program at Albany Middle School.

Shoreline gets council spotlight

By Phyllis Lyon

San Francisco Bay and out from the former dump site during the ebb and flow of bay tides.

"The tests will determine the extent of toxics, if any, in the ground water on the bulb," said Albany Planning Director Claudia Cappio. "Bay water will also be tested to determine which is worse."

The first of four tests to be made over the coming year reached water at a depth of 5 ft. and, after drilling through concrete and other detritus, reached primordial bay ooze at 18 ft. No noxious material has been observed so far, according to a rig supervisor.

Although the 32-acre waterfront site has long been designated for use as a park, the exact configuration of the proposed recreation area has been under discussion among city, interested citizens and a welter of controlling agencies since the dump closed in 1983.

The original landfill operation was licensed to accept only construction debris and demolition waste.

Based on a "characterization study" by engineer-consultants reporting scattered areas of hazard to residents and will be speaking to

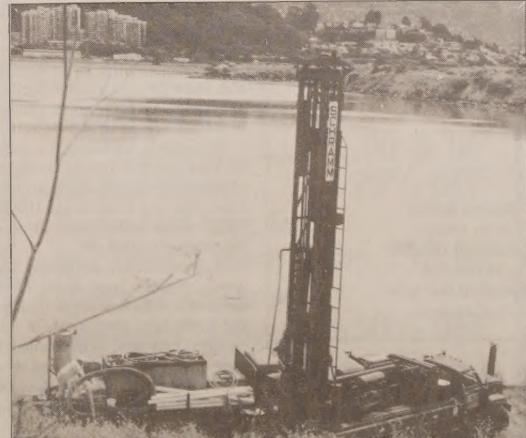
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Drilling the former landfill

Development plans would require info on toxic presence

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Following an orange-marked trail down to the north bayfront on Albany's bulb, a giant drilling rig last week began Solid Waste Assessment Tests to assay the quality of water seeping in from



Phyllis Lyon

Optimism the best theme for graduations

OF ALL THINGS we celebrate, none can match graduation ceremonies for genuine jubilation.

In a wave of optimism wonderful to behold, valedictorians in gyms across the country are predicting bright futures for seniors departing into the great unknown. The nervous speaker is perennially 18, the oratory flowery, touchingly innocent and every year I believe every word.

THE CEREMONY GRADUATING 100 Vista College students last Saturday was extra-inspiring for several reasons. Naturally, along with parents everywhere, wreathed in smiles with our cameras at the ready, my personal top reason to be pleased was that my daughter was among them.

Somewhere along the line these one hundred graduates veered or wandered off the usual educational fast track for as many reasons as their number, I suppose. But they came back, so to speak, as single parents, many adding school to a 40-hour work week, retirees and drop-outs dropping back in with an admirable display of true grit and awesome effort.

"SWEET ARE THE USES of adversity" was the underlying theme of the day. The roadblocks and difficulties along the way made the one by one march up onto the stage, to the cheers and whistles of families and friends who packed Wheeler Hall, all the more triumphal.

The diversity of the graduates, "black, white, tall, short, atheist, believer, gay, straight," was enumerated in a list by co- valedictorian Darby Feeney who also commented on the time it had taken some to get their degrees. They had "married, divorced, been born, died, lost their jobs and got others" but carried on, she said.

PRAISED BY SUSAN DUNCAN, president of the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees for their "worldly experience," the students' maturity also came in for some good-natured razzing by co-valedictorian Kathryn Hildebrandt.

"I was glad to be in classes with people older than I am," she said. "As eyewitnesses they made history come alive." Followed by groans from the assembled graduates.

Letters to the Editor

Education suffers

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Sen. Nick Petris.

The Board of Education of the Albany Unified School District would like to express to you its deep concern regarding the budget crisis faced by county and city libraries. The shift of local property tax funds and special district augmentation funds from local government to the state, as contained in the governor's 1993/94 proposed budget, will necessitate a reduction of over 50 percent in hours of operation and staffing for our local Albany city library.

A reduction in staffing and hours of operation of this magnitude will have a tremendous negative impact on our school children as they seek outside resources to augment classroom instruction and to support individual and outside-the-classroom assignments.

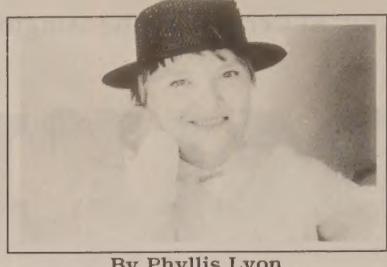
California's schools have felt the impact of the troubling California economic climate for the past several years. Over those years, the community libraries have been available to provide support programs for students, from elementary school to the secondary level. We do not want to lose that additional opportunity for our young people. Please consider every option to continue full operation of California's libraries that may be available through new legislation or legislative revisions to the governor's proposed budget for 1993/94.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Edward McManus
President, Albany Board of Education

Keep this employee

Editor:
This letter is an appeal to the citizens of El Cerrito to come to the aid of a long-time city employee who is about to have the rug pulled from under him. Mr. Bob Phillips, with 29 years of service to his credit, and to the credit of the City of El Cerrito, has been told that he will become



By Phyllis Lyon

Hildebrandt asked an apt and, I think, profound question of people who say they can't finish or even start to finish their education because "in five years I'll be 35," or "in five years I'll be 60" or the like. "If you don't do it, how old will you be?" she asked.

The Associate of Arts degrees conferred by Vista Community College represent a major accomplishment for those who received them, but they were called again and again in the speeches "a milestone," a "stepping-stone." I got the impression that, now they're on a roll, many of these graduates will be shooting for a Harvard MBA at least.

BETWEEN THE "LAND OF HOPE and Glory" coming in and the "Joyful, Joyful" going out, the Vista Community College Chorale inspired the crowd with a rousing rendition of "It's A Grand Night for Singing" directed with fine finesse by John di Francesco. The 16-member chorus meets at the Albany Orientation Center for the Blind and several center students are singers.

And, lo and behold, just when you think you know somebody, there was my old pal John Shively singing bass in the back row. Turns out John, who would be called a "community activist" in lesser towns but is known by other names down at Albany city hall, has been singing with the Vista Chorale for three years.

Most recently chairman of the Albany Waterfront Committee, John will be singing a happier if different tune after he gets married July 3, sells his house on Sonoma Avenue and moves to Marin. Way to go, John.

"SWEET ARE THE USES of adversity which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head."

— William Shakespeare

expendable as of July 1, 1993.

The city administration possesses almost magical powers to find the funds necessary to accomplish some ends. Money was found to continue the expensive (8 percent of salary) deferred compensation plan for upper management which was threatened last year. In spite of the fact that the continued employment of a blue-collar worker cannot be afforded, money was found to hire a full-time city planner. The city should be encouraged to find the money to allow an employee who is too young to collect full pension benefits or Social Security and too old to easily find employment elsewhere to continue his service to the city and ultimately retire with dignity.

Mr. Phillips is a bright gentleman, thoroughly familiar with the city's infrastructure. His knowledge and experience can continue to be an asset in assisting outside contractors to locate facilities unfamiliar to them and in performing any other tasks assigned to him. Surely a city which boasts of its recycling accomplishments can devise a method to "recycle" one employee who has given so many years of service.

I urge the good citizens of El Cerrito to phone or write Mayor Mae Ritz and/or Councilmembers Jane Bartke, Norman La Force, Norma Jellison and Cathie Kosel and implore them to reverse a decision which will have a detrimental effect not only on the future of Mr. Phillips, but also on the morale of the remaining city employees who might well feel that loyalty is not a two-way street. The mayor and council may be contacted at El Cerrito City Offices, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito 94530; phone 215-4300.

Time is critically short. Please write or phone today!

Beverly Gent

We need libraries

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Police Reports

Official California license plates only, please

By Dave Greer

ALBANY — A local man found that citizens can't just make their own automobile license plates. On June 3 at 6:30 p.m. a resident of the 1400 block of Portland Avenue who had been cited for not having a front license place came to the police station to have the new one checked.

When an officer inspected his vehicle, he found the do-it-yourselfer had made a very accurate fiberglass replica of his back plate, another violation of the California Vehicle Code.

On the morning of June 1 police were told that a classroom in the Albany Middle School had been vandalized and two walkie talkies stolen from the office. Student projects were destroyed, papers strewn about, and paint spilled on the floor.

A resident of the 900 block of Talbot Avenue told police his car had been shot at by men in a gray Cadillac at Sacramento and Hopkins streets in Berkeley in the early morning of June 6. Officers reported they found the car in the 900 block of Cornell Avenue with three men and a small caliber pistol in it. Berkeley police arrested one man for the shooting violation and for possession of a loaded firearm.

Officers say a homeless man was trying to pull the wire off a cyclone fence on Cleveland Avenue about 9 a.m. June 6. Before they sent him on his way, he told them he was trying to "tighten" the fence.

A woman told police in the early morning of June 2 that she had left the door of her home in the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue open and somebody had entered and taken her backback containing her reading glasses and other items.

A Berkeley man asleep in his truck at Golden Gate Fields was

arrested on a drunk charge shortly before 8 a.m. on June 6. He was found to have outstanding Berkeley warrants. A German shepherd dog also in the vehicle was picked up by Berkeley Animal Control.

At 10:22 p.m. June 5 police investigated a report of juveniles drinking in a car in the 900 block of Madison Street. Officers were given permission to search the car, found two opened bottles of malt liquor under the rear seat, and cited the driver who was from Davis.

A local man told police his Walkman was taken from a table at Round Table Pizza on Solano Avenue when he went into another room to play a video game on the afternoon of June 4.

On May 31 police were told by a resident of the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue that somebody had broken into his 1968 Volvo and taken a cassette player.

The Albany Fire Department checked out a smoking washing machine at the Solano Cleaning Center, 1219 Solano Avenue on June 31 at 5:15 p.m.

Police were told that two black juveniles stole a box of cherries from in front of the Super Stop Grocery Market, 747 San Pablo Avenue, on June 1 shortly before 1 p.m. They reportedly left in a late model black Nissan.

A resident of the 900 block of Ordway Street reported that his 12-speed, 27-inch racing bike was taken from the Solano Avenue store on the evening of June 1.

The California Highway Patrol apprehended an Emeryville woman on I-80 in the early morning of May 1 who was weaving in traffic and failed to pass a field sobriety test. Booked into Albany, he refused all other tests and was found to have three outstanding warrants totaling \$16,750.

Shortly after 8 a.m. on June 1

Burglars enter and rob homes while victims sleep

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Three homes were burglarized while the victims slept.

During the night of May 10, between 10:30 p.m. and 2 a.m., someone entered a home in the 1700 block of Lexington through an open window. A purse was reported stolen; it contained only about \$5. Wallets were taken from a home in the 1400 block of Everett Street. The home was entered between midnight and 6:30 a.m. on the morning of the 11th.

The same morning, between 1 a.m. and 6:25 a.m., small miscellaneous items were taken from a home in the 1300 block of Norwell.

Three other residential burglaries were reported. During the night of May 8, someone kicked open the front door of a home in the 10900 block of San Pablo Avenue. Nothing was reported stolen.

At about 12:29 p.m. on May 13, a man entered a home in the 7800 block of Eureka Avenue after kicking in the rear glass door. In the hallway, however, he encountered the resident. The suspect ran into the bedroom and escaped through the window, fleeing in a yellow car.

A juvenile suspect was identified in connection with the burglary of a Norwell Street residence

(1500 block). The home was entered through a broken window and ransacked. Televisions and a VCR were reported stolen.

There were several cases of possible arson. Someone lit fire to garbage in a dumpster at El Cerrito High School. The flares were laid out in a swastika pattern. The incident occurred between 12:15 a.m. and 12:27 a.m. on May 15.

The remains of a small fire were found at a construction site in the 8600 block of Arbor Drive. The fire would have been set between May 22 and 24.

A 1987 Chevy Blazer caught fire in the Foodbowls parking lot at about 9:30 p.m. on May 18. According to the El Cerrito Fire Department, the fire was of suspicious origin.

A 77-year-old woman was walking in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot at about 5:40 p.m. on May 7 when a man pulled alongside her and grabbed her purse from her neck, then drove away. Extreme force was used, causing the woman to fall. The purse only contained about \$20.

At Potrero and South 55th Street, a male suspect rode on a bicycle by a 67-year-old victim on the afternoon of May 13, grabbing her purse.

A 1976 Cadillac El Dorado was reported stolen from the 5200

block of Potrero Avenue at 2:45 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. on May 17. 1976 Cadillac Seville was stolen from the 1700 block of Potrero Street at 10:45 a.m. Both cars were later recovered.

Also reported stolen was a landscaping company truck parked in the 1700 block of Potrero Street at 10:45 a.m. on May 15.

No one noticed a 1986 Ford S-10 had been stolen from the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard. It was recovered by the police in Sobrante. The thief occurred during the night of May 15.

Someone attempted to steal a 1967 Chevy pickup from the 1700 block of San Pablo Avenue on the night of May 23, prying open the steering column. The attempt was unsuccessful.

A number of rear-end collisions were reported stolen. Some had their plates removed. One was a 1986 Oak Motors during the night of May 12. Between May 12 and May 14, a chrome piece, the front of the rear of a car taken in the 800 block of 17th Street.

At about 2 p.m. on May 14, a plate was taken in the 700 block of Colusa; on May 7, a plate from a car parked on 17th Street.

A Hertz rental car was

El Cerrito Newsline

By Bartke

Good news for boys and girls is that school is out for the summer next week. The bad news is more children are home alone during the summer, and more home accidents and other things can occur. Your police department has together a list of activities that families can do together to take better care of themselves and their

Safety activities

Show your possible escape route in case of fire. Set off our smoke alarm so that children can recognize the sound.

Show your child how to feel a closed door for heat before opening it. If it is hot, it should not be opened, and the door should be made through a window.

Teach your child to crawl on the floor where there is oxygen and less smoke in the event of a fire.

Teach your family how to use your fire extinguisher.



6. Have practice drills periodically.

Property Protection Activities

1. Call the El Cerrito Police Department at 215-4400 and ask what day and time bicycles can be registered.

Parents should go with their children when registering.

2. Show children how to lock a bike to a post.

3. Show your children how to lock all the windows and doors in your home.

4. Show children how to answer the door without opening it.

5. Instruct children to answer the phone without giving any information to strangers.

6. Never tell anyone you are home alone. This applies to children and adults.

7. Teach your children how to reach the Police Department by calling 911.

Teach them also never to call 911 unless they need help or want to report a crime.

Over the next few weeks we will be sharing some other tips and activities that will make your family and home more safe.

The El Cerrito Police Department hopes that these ideas and instructions will be helpful to you.

If you need more information about any of the activities listed above, please call the Police Department at 215-4400.



Phyllis Lyon

Rain failed to stop some local residents from sending messages to Gov. Wilson

Redevelopment group ponders money for libraries, city coffers

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Warmed by the heat of their righteous cause, a contingent of Albany protesters braved a cold, pelting-down rain last Thursday afternoon to hold a 4-inch yellow ribbon, stretching from Marin to Solano on San Pablo Avenue, and wave signs saying "Recall Wilson."

The demonstrators, many of whom zeroed in on the proposed severe cuts in library services, were part of a 32-mile Ribbon-Across-the-County event organized by Alameda County Supervisor Gail Steele to protest Governor Wilson's plan to shift local property taxes from local governments to the state.

The group was cheered by what appeared to be a toots of approval from cars caught in the heavy San Pablo traffic and later, warm and dry by the light of the television, to see themselves on the Channel 2 ten o'clock news.

Albany's fiscal Armageddon, originally feared to be in the range of a \$400,000 to \$800,000 cut, may not be as bad as supposed, City Administrator John Nachbar told a 15-member Fiscal Task Force last Wednesday.

"Everyone should know how to dial 911 in case of an emergency."

"Don't smoke in bed and don't leave cigarettes smoldering in ashtrays. Make sure that cigarettes are completely extinguished."

could possibly be significantly less than \$400,000."

Nachbar said a new wrinkle coming out of the governor-legislature budget negotiations proposed an "allocation formula" which would take more from counties and "be kinder to cities." The bill cutting \$2.6 billion this year is dead, he said, and may be spread over two years.

"Counties may bear a bigger brunt," Nachbar said. "It doesn't look as onerous to cities as it did three weeks ago, but it ain't over 'til it's over."

The task force, poring over a "laundry list" of possible revenue-enhancing possibilities at the meeting, looked for areas around town that might be ripe for redevelopment.

The Redevelopment Agency, formed in the '70s and reactivated

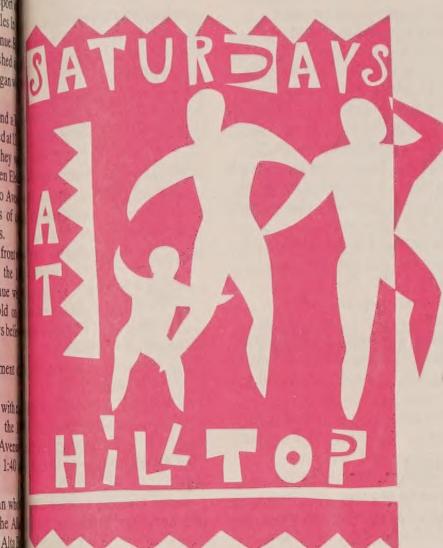
in the late '80s, consists of council members wearing redevelopment hats. Unable to find a project area suitable for redevelopment, the council last year gave \$100,000 of agency money over to promotion of Albany business.

"I'm just thinking aloud; it's at the trial balloon stage," said Councilmember Mike Brodsky suggesting a possible site for redevelopment. "But there's not much happening at the Albany Bowl and it's not all that attractive."

Brodsky said he believed an unnamed large retailer was looking for a new site. He suggested a building with two floors of retail and a third floor of housing might be appropriate for the Albany Bowl site, with a greenway and restored creek.

"It would mean more property

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If there happens to be a fire in your home you must remember to get down on your hands and knees with your face close to the floor and crawl low under the smoke.

Gather the whole family together and make a plan how to exit your home in case of a fire. Make sure everyone knows how to get out properly. Have a meeting place outside so you will know if everyone is out of the house and safe.

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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Chamber members welcome new family members

By Del Wisenor

Congratulations to members Katie and Sun Chuen Wong, owners of Uncle Wong's Restaurant in Del Norte Place, proud parents of a new baby son, Timothy Wing Fu, born on April 16. Also, welcoming her new baby brother is big sister Anita, age 10.

The Chamber is welcoming as a new associate member, Bert Chan, who has recently retired from his longtime dentistry practice in the Plaza Professional Building. Bert has been a great supporter of our Chamber and it's a pleasure to have him continue with us as an associate member.

* Member Ali Ayami, owner of Ali's restaurant in Kensington, is now serving a delicious selection of lunches, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with dinners nightly. A low-prize dinner menu is available on Sundays and Thursdays starting at 5 p.m.

Entertainment, excellent food and service highlight Ali's features, with a banquet room which can accommodate up to 40 guests for varied occasions.

* Members are urged to reserve now for the June 28 business luncheon meeting at the Cerrito City Club. Larry Ragaard, district manager/engineer, for the Stege Sanitary District, will be the featured speaker with information on "The Effect the Projected Sewer Improvement will have on the Commercial

Areas." Lunch is at noon and \$9.50 is the cost, with RSVP required by June 24 by calling staff at 233-7040.

Unified effort needed to cut red tape

By Wilford D. Godbold
Chamber of Commerce

Democrats and Republicans can work together to provide a better California. A recently formed coalition effort to cut through the state's regulatory tangle got off to a good start this month when two major bills passed Senate policy committees. But it will take the unified support of employers and labor to ensure that the red tape relief provided by the proposals remains intact through the legislative process.

In their current form, both SB 1082 (Calderon) and SB 919 (Dills) carry out most of the five-point plan supported by Californians Against Red Tape, a broadbased and bipartisan coalition that grew out of the California Chamber's regulatory reform project.

A critical factor in the coalition's support for these proposals and the nine other bills in the coalition's legislative package is that they will have a positive impact on California employers' ability to create jobs.

The Calderon bill tackles the duplication and overlap that have been particularly troublesome for small employers seeking to comply with the estate's

hazardous waste and hazardous material management programs. It also aims to make regulatory agencies more efficient and service-oriented through the use of total quality management concepts.

To limit the skyrocketing fee hikes that have strained the resources and patience of fee payers, the bill ensures that the fees reflect the cost of efficiently delivered necessary services. It provides for a scientific review of regulatory standards by scientists outside government, a process long sought by industry.

Finally, assures that environmental policy and rule making takes into account the economic impacts of requirements.

The Dills bill clarifies and streamlines California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) processes. The CEQA changes are critical to improve the competitive ability of California businesses. Permitting times of two or more years put California facilities out of the running when the entire commercial life span of many manufactured products today, such as computer chips, is only one or two years.

Other coalition-supported proposals authored by Democrats and Republicans, are more narrowly drawn, but seek to implement other needed changes. SB 1082 and SB 919 have already been the subject of much negotiation and discussion.



City Councilmember Jane Bartke, Blue & Gold Market owner Don Wylie and R. Bolden are welcomed to town by El Cerrito Chamber President Michael Klinger

The most difficult test for the bills, however, lies ahead in the Assembly, assuming they win Senate approval. SB 1082 must pass the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, known unofficially as the "graveyard of regulatory reform." SB 919 will have to pass the Assembly Local Government Committee and in this year of budgetary crisis, both will face close scrutiny from fiscal committees in both houses.

The time is right for anyone with a concern about jobs in California, employers and employees alike, to contact your legislators, especially your assembly representatives, to support the coalition plan to cut red tape, save jobs and protect the environment. Remind your legislators that more jobs and a healthy economy can provide the tax revenues to fund necessary government services.

Californians Against Red Tape

California's system of regulator laws has become unworkable and costly.

Employers report daily how the failed system costs Californians their jobs. Problem: Hundreds of local, state and federal agencies regulate business activities in California. Employers are forced to navigate a confusing maze of overlapping agencies that require duplicate information.

Example: The Lockheed Corporation in the Bay Area found it had to deal with 16 municipal agencies in five different cities, 12 county/ regional agencies and seven state agencies. Lockheed found that for its Austin, Texas Plant, it had to deal with just one agency.

Solution: Pass legislation to eliminate this costly and wasteful duplication and overlap.

Problem: Many agencies depend on the fees and fines collected for budget support. This and lack of budget oversight have

resulted in an alarm in the size of fees and bureaucracy budget.

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These fees represent an increase of approximately 10 percent.

Solution: Pass legislation will make fees reflect establish budget accurate and prioritize programs, redirect penalty and fees away from operation.

Californians Against Red Tape want to cut red tape, and protect the environment.

Report says firefighters earn too much

Bay City News

The Contra Costa County Grand Jury last week urged the county Board of Supervisors to impose immediate wage and benefit cuts on 400 firefighters in an emergency action to deal with the current budget crisis.

The grand jury said Contra Costa can no longer afford the kind of union contracts that have given county firefighters at five fire dis-

tricts a salary increase of 55.8 percent over the past eight years.

In a report released last week, the grand jury said each firefighter with more than 3-1/2 years service at the districts costs taxpayers about \$80,000 a year in wages, benefits and other compensation.

Mike Price, president of the firefighters' union, called the grand jury report "a gross misrepresentation of the facts."

Price said the report used inflated or outdated figures on overtime costs. He said the grand jury is also unfairly blaming union contracts instead of state cutbacks for the current funding crisis facing fire districts.

Gov. Pete Wilson has proposed meeting part of the state's school funding burden by using local property taxes that have traditionally supported fire districts.

Most EBMUD water rates take a plunge

Bay City News

East Bay Municipal Utility District directors this week adopted a \$351 million budget for fiscal 1994 and approved new water rates that will result in decreases of at least 5 percent for most residential customers.

The \$278.5 million water system budget, the bulk of the total budget, is down 9.7 percent from fiscal 1993. The \$72.5 million wastewater system budget is down 52 percent from fiscal 1993. The average unit price for water is

being reduced by 8 percent.

The new rates take effect July 1 and will show up on bills between July 1 and September 1.

The only residential customers who will see an increase in their monthly bills are those who use less than 125 gallons of water a day, as they will lose the \$1 monthly credit they received during the drought, which EBMUD declared to be over in April.

Single families using less than 125 gallons a day, who represent 21 percent of EBMUD's 1.2 mil-

lion customers in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, will see their monthly bills go up 3.2 percent, from \$10.35 to \$10.71.

Single families using 250 gallons daily will see a 5.6 percent decrease, from \$16.85 to \$15.91. Those using 750 gallons will see a 5.7 percent decrease, from \$44.25 to \$41.71. Those using 1,200 gallons of water a day will have a 5.8 percent decrease monthly, from \$68.91 to \$64.93.

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Surplus property may go on the block to fund programs

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By Dawn Frasleur

EL CERRITO — The City Council will consider designating certain parcels of city-owned property as surplus so they can be sold in order to raise funds for needed capital improvements. The properties being considered are: the fire and fire reserve center at Eureka Ave. (formerly Fire Station No. 2) and vacant land on Moeser Lane, at Moeser and Seaview, on Roger Court, and at Bent Row near Canyon Trail.

According to building official Jim Mitchell, staff uncovered the city's excess properties during an inventory of all city-owned buildings and land. The council had already raised the possibility of selling off properties to help meet current financial crisis.

There was some disagreement on the council, however, concerning the properties named.

Councilmember Norman La Force said he had several problems with the whole process.

"I don't think this is the right time in the real estate market... to be selling property," he said, adding he was particularly worried about areas like the Moeser Lane property that are prone to slides close to electromagnetic emission lines. (Proximity to lines has been connected to increased cancer risk in some areas.)

La Force, who feels, might be left as open space.

"I'm not sure why this is being generated at this point," La Force, who voted against consideration.

City Mayor Jane Bartke explained her concern about slide liability, particularly in connection with the Roger Court lots. She said the properties had originally been given to the city by the developer because of their slide potential.

Councilmember Mae Ritz and Councilmember Norma Jellison, however, pointed to the new tech-

nologies that may well make the lots buildable. All three agreed that since Monday night's vote was only to consider designating the sites surplus property, it was an appropriate move, allowing time, said Ritz, to get a legal opinion on slide liability.

Jellison spoke most strongly in support of the sale of the properties as a way to raise capital funds.

"We have to go forward now," she said, adding that whatever the real estate market, the properties are "certainly worth tremendously more now than when we took possession of them." The presence of electromagnetic fields would be clear to people purchasing any development on the Moeser properties, she said, noting that their presence would no doubt be reflected in the properties' value assessment.

"I'm all for... selling (the excess property) as soon as possible... to generate some money to assist us in the many projects we have in front of us," she said.

"This is one thing I've heard citizens say," added Bartke. "Please look at your surplus properties."

La Force urged the council to, should the properties be sold, use the funds raised to meet ADA requirements or to add to the fire equipment reserve and general fund reserves rather than to just spend the money on capital expenditures.

The two Moeser Lane parcels are located between Galvin Drive and Seaview Drive on the north side of Moeser. Their combined size is 2.76 acres. They were acquired by the city in 1964 and were to be a park at that time. They are

currently zoned park and open space.

The two lots at the southwest corner of Moeser Lane and Seaview Drive have a combined area of 1.56 acres. They were obtained in 1947 when land was acquired for Cerro Vista Park but were not improved as part of the park. They are zoned residential.

The Roger Court properties are zoned residential and have all utilities available. They were given to the city by the developer in order to expand the Hillside Natural Area. The city has no plans to improve the properties.

One parcel located off Jordan Avenue on Crescent is an unimproved right-of-way. The 6,720 square foot lot is zoned residential and was acquired in 1965.

The former Fire Station No. 2 was constructed in 1946 and was last used as a fire station in 1978. It is currently used for storage and as a gym for police and fire personnel. The property is zoned residential.

Before any development, a soils analysis would be required of the two Moeser Lane properties and the Roger Court lots since they are in slide areas.

Staff estimates a total sale value for the properties at \$1,650,000. In the staff report, several examples of unfunded capital improvement projects were given: replacement of the Arlington Fire Station building at \$1.3 million, the remodeling of the public safety building which houses the police and fire departments at \$1,600,000, and modifications to a number of public facilities designed to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements at \$441,050.

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Kids outlasted most of the city staffers during a park play day

Dave Greer

Fun and games brighten the day for city staffers

By Dave Greer

staffers for even teams, a few of the kids were upgraded to staff.

The odds were further evened up when veteran police Sergeant Jim Harris, who supervises school crossing guards and is well known to the children, stopped by and joined in briefly.

And they had a great time although most were only 5 to 10 years old, and others were, well... older.

It was all fun and games with 26 kids in the after school program in Memorial Park versus Recreation and Community Services personnel and three staffers from City Hall, including City Administrator John Nachbar.

An unusual event? Yes. Another imaginative proof that Albany's unique vision of small town America is alive and well in the metropolitan Bay Area? Indubitably.

"I really can't see this happening in San Francisco," Nachbar chuckled as he watched his administrative assistant, Daren Fields, being aced out of a musical chair by a 5-year-old.

Last staffer to be left standing was City Clerk Jackie Buchholz, who often jogs during her lunch hour, and proved a nimble contestant in all events.

Festivities began shortly past 3 p.m. last Thursday with an egg-carrying contest.

Since there weren't enough

This was probably just as well as city officials including her boss, Bill Jones, director of Recreation and Community Services, might have left peeling bubble gum off their noses.

"I thought it was great," Jones said.

"With the amount of energy these kids have you might as well put it to good use like this."

Jones looked favorably on the idea of making the event an annual one.

Last year staffers supervised a chili making contest between three summer youth programs.

The current program at the Memorial Park Club House known as "The Friendship Club," ends this week.

The summer program, entitled "Sun Dancer's Day Camp," starts next Monday, June 14, and runs through Aug. 20.

The cost is \$110 a week for Albany residents and \$121 for nonresidents who attend from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children may come as early as 7 a.m. or stay as late as 6 p.m. for an additional \$20.

More information on programs is available at the Recreation and Community Services office, 958 Masonic Ave. or by calling 524-9283.

Other staffers who participated in the recent event were Recreation and Community Services General Clerk Carole Palmer and club house personnel Rita Willis, Brad Griffith, and Ken Sinclair.

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Locals vocal about Kaiser's Emeryville proposal

By Dawn Frasier

About 30 members of "Save Our Neighborhood" staged a demonstration at the Kaiser Medical Center in Oakland last Thursday, chanting slogans like, "Stop the Kaiser Roll" and "Don't Destroy to Build," while carrying signs up and down the block and passing out leaflets to curious passersby—most of whom were heading in or out of the medical facility.

Kaiser Permanente's plans to build a new \$300 million medical center in the area around the former Del Monte cannery in Emeryville prompted the recent formation of SON, a group of residents and business owners whose homes and commercial establishments are either directly or indirectly threatened by the proposed development.

"Too many lives and livelihoods will be lost," said architect Joseph Costarella, suggesting that the destruction of the neighborhood would be inappropriate for "an institution that deals with people's health."

"We're not against Kaiser," he said. "We just don't want them to build a hospital on top of our homes and businesses. We want them to build at the Bayfront (an Emeryville site being forwarded by private concerns that Kaiser finds drawbacks with) or at some other suitable site."

Michelle Molineaux wasn't quite so conciliatory toward Kaiser.

"What they're planning to do has nothing to do with health care," she said. "It has to do with expansion of the corporation. They should put that money into health care; that's what their patrons are paying for."

If the plan is to build, she said, Kaiser should "pick a spot that doesn't have homes and businesses on it." If not, she said, "We'll fight you all the way."

SON started with the efforts of one concerned couple who live in a brand-new live/work project in Kaiser's target area. When Madeline Stanionis and her husband put up some fliers to gauge the response of neighbors, they got 75 responses, all but three against Kaiser coming to the neighborhood.

"It's been three weeks; it's moved with lightning speed," she said of the opposition movement. Among other things, the group is "trying to stop Kaiser buying out the neighborhood before (the whole area is gone)."

According to Stanionis, 19 renters and 9 homeowners will lose their homes in addition to the loss of many small businesses if the

project is approved.

While "the numbers keep changing as Kaiser revises its plans," she said, the group has an opposition list of "about 130 names."

Like others in her neighborhood, Stanionis deplores the loss of its unique character. "We're puzzled and confused that the city is taking this and throwing it away," she said. "Many of us who moved here love the real mix of new and old residents, large and small businesses. People move to Emeryville because of the attraction of a diverse community. The mix supports a creative spirit."

"We're developing it to preserve the architectural heritage and to create a unique environment. It doesn't make sense that the city would (work against the elements of its general plan) that support housing and a mixed-use residential area."

As for the possibility of selling out and making money, "fair market value is less than what we paid," Stanionis said.

Paul Herzoff doesn't particularly count himself a member of Save Our Neighborhood but is actively interested in the issue and has attended a number of the community informational meetings sponsored by Kaiser and the city of Emeryville.

He's a 12-year-resident of the neighborhood, though his own home is not directly threatened by the proposed construction, he said.

Herzoff, who has a strong interest in the history of the area, tends to see the issue in that context, giving him something of a different perspective than some of the newer residents. He notes, for example, the desire to preserve the heritage of some old industrial buildings, "probably also built (in their time) over somebody's objections."

At one time, Herzoff said, all transportation converged in Emeryville. "It was an incredible commuter stop—people would stop off and go to a theater, a bar, buy books." He'd like to see that again and particularly deplores plans for a "big box shopping center," planned by the Catellus Corporation, a development he believes is more appropriate "out in the country where you can build a big parking lot and a blank building and no one cares."

Herzoff said Kaiser should give more consideration to the Bay Front property. The objection that the site is "too long and narrow," for example, might be solved by offering a shuttle bus or moving sidewalk from one end of the facility to the other, he suggested.

Neither the City Council nor the

planning commission has yet formally begun the process for receiving Kaiser's request.

According to Emeryville planning director Gay Quinn, Kaiser remains committed to the site and, while a couple more community informational meetings are planned, the company will be making its first formal step in the process at the June 15 meeting of the city's redevelopment agency.

As far as the recent neighborhood response is concerned, Quinn said that—with the lack of any formal meetings on the Kaiser proposal to date—neither the city nor the planning commission has had any forum for reacting to it. She expects many of the same concerns will be raised in public hearings on the EIR as have been raised at the Kaiser-sponsored community meetings and in other public contexts by the members of Save Our Neighborhood.

The informal meetings were designed so we could get as much community input as possible, and that's what we're getting," said Kaiser representative Ron Treleven, who came outside to speak informally with protesters at Thursday's demonstration. "At this point, there's no formal process yet."

Herzoff, for one, says he understands the city's need to balance the and—despite continuing community meetings on the issue—considers the Kaiser development to be "a done deal."

That's unfortunate from his standpoint. "It's a funky old area," he said. "It's real neatly designed, with some glorious old buildings. From Park Avenue, you can still see the same view down the street you saw 60 years ago."

For a while, with Emeryville's general plan guidelines and the interest of developers in maintaining the neighborhood's integrity, preserving the area "seemed real hopeful," Herzoff said.

"In 60 years, you won't recognize Emeryville—in the same way that people 60 years ago wouldn't recognize Emeryville today," he said. "But what it's going to look like in the interim is a real question."



Jeff Lindquist

Protestors gathered in front of the medical center in Oakland

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Cerrito residents wed at Cordonices Park

Barbara Davidson

The wedding was strictly O.B. — bring your own bat. The invitation provided the first. On the front was a drawing of baseball players.

The inside read, "Diane and Gino Sunnen cordially invite you to our wedding, ball game and picnic."

The two El Cerrito residents held a May 22 wedding on the soft field at Cordonices Park in Berkeley because of the groom's love for baseball.

Sonnen, 44, currently a manager at Taco Bell, once managed the town Pirates.

He also edited "Baseball in America," has been a guest commentator on SportsPhone 68 for KER radio, and is a past president of SABR (Society for American Baseball Research).

Sauvageot, 38, is a legal secretary in San Francisco.

After the 80 or so guests assembled on the bleachers, the groom read out programs containing an outline of the nuptial events.

"Programs, programs," he said, "get your programs!"

Herbert (husband of Christy Herbert, the woman who arranged a blind date for Sauvageot and Sunnen two years ago) put chalk on the foul lines.

The bride's guests lined up along the base, the groom's lined up on the foul line, and everyone introduced himself.

A gaggle of guests from Canada and the Canadian national anthem, led by singing in masses of "Star Spangled Banner," led by

Yvonne Sunnen, the groom's mother.

The first ball was pitched from the heart-shaped pitcher's mound by Eugene Sunnen, the groom's father, to the groom's niece, Jessica Pierson.

Brother-in-law Patrick Houghton walked the bride around the bases back to home plate, while a trio played "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."

Sonnen wore a Stan Musial t-shirt and a Giant's baseball cap.

Sauvageot wore a white t-shirt, knee-length white tights, and a plain white baseball cap.

She said she felt "great" about not wearing a traditional wedding gown for her first and only marriage.

"I see other women who get married worrying about all the dresses, the corsages, the rehearsals, and getting caught up," she said.

"This way we can think more about what we mean to each other and having fun instead of getting nervous about the ritual."

Sonnen added, "We wanted to put our own stamp on the ceremony. And I don't think it is out of our control because we are doing it the way we want."

Judge Joseph Murphy, also a member of SABR, conducted the ceremony.

He opened with a quote from Bart Giamatti, the late commissioner of baseball.

"Speaking of a baseball field," he said, "This is the last pure place where Americans dream. This is the last green arena where everybody can learn the lessons of life."

He paused to spread some soil

on home plate which had been taken from the Dyerville, Iowa baseball field depicted in the movie "Field of Dreams."

"May it be a symbol of good luck and better things for all of us," he said.

The judge then presented his wedding gift of a capsule of the Dyerville dirt.

Best man Richard Zitrin (Also in SABR) read an excerpt from the book, "Field of Dreams."

He then satirized former New York Yankees player Phil Rizzuto by attributing a quote to him which Zitrin had actually dashed off enroute to the wedding. "... It is not about winning or losing," he said.

"It is teamwork, it is sacrifice for each other and believing with all your heart."

Judge Murphy pronounced the couple man and wife and told them to play ball.

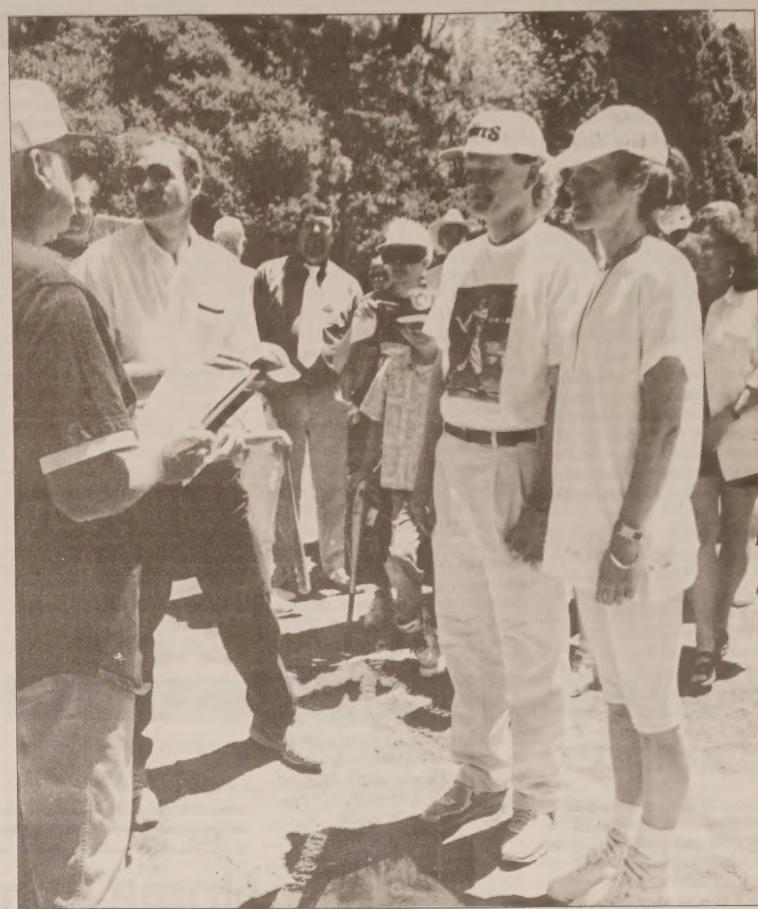
Back at the picnic area, the guests partook of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, beer, and wedding cake in the shape of a baseball stadium, while the trio rendered a jazzed-up version of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame."

Reaction to the wedding was best summed up by SABR devotee, Jacob "Yank" Poleyeff from Teaneck, New Jersey.

"Very daring," he said. "It just exemplifies them as fun people."

He also added his views on baseball's popularity.

"Baseball is timeless," said Poleyeff. "The rules are still the same as when the game originated. In a world of change, baseball is changeless."



Diane Sauvageot and Gino Sunnen (foreground, from right) exchange vows May 22 in Berkeley

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- 3) Lorin Piper (duck leg on bulgur & turnips with dandelion greens)

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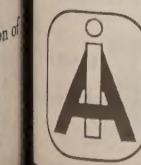
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INSIDE OUT

A focus on schools

Everywhere I turn, schools are the focus of attention. The issues vary from dress codes to new superintendents, to how to tell if your school is doing well — however one defines that. What ever the issue, it is obvious that the attention of both the public and the media have converged momentarily on schools.

Notice I didn't say "education." No, we're talking school administration here as in management of the educators, their resources, and the related facilities. Sure, one affects the other, but it is important that we keep the difference in mind ... I think.

However one approaches it, school administration and management is one of the hardest jobs in the public sector. Whether it be Superintendent of Schools or an individual principalship, there is almost no way to win; no way to please the myriad of "constituents" such as parents, students, teachers, unions, special interest groups, the Board of Education, the state structure, or even one's own immediate subordinates.

And, most times it is even difficult to please one's self given the fish bowl in which a school administrator has to operate, and the restrictions placed on his/her every action. Most times it is management by consensus which is deadly in the best of circumstances.

No company in the private sector could survive let alone thrive if managed by consensus. There has to be a leader and a decision-maker. There has to be someone who has the vision, the strength, and the skill to keep all entities moving toward that vision, and the authority to decide who is an asset to the team and who isn't.

Many school administrators have the vision, the strength, and the skill to do the above. Most do not have the authority, the support, or the legal environment to exercise those qualities.

Look at San Francisco for example: Bill Rojas is catching hell because it isn't "accessible" and "visible"; he isn't like Past Superintendent Ramon Cortines. (Of course, Cortines caught hell because he was too accessible, interfering and lacked vision.)

In a recent San Francisco *Examiner* article about Rojas, he was described as having "...innovative educational ideas." He was credited for finally getting the San Francisco Board of Education to reduce the bickering and internal dissension and to turn their attention away from administrative matters and toward policy and educational issues — no small feat! The article

listed at least five major accomplishments for Rojas in his first year, all of which appear to directly and immediately improve educational opportunities in that school district.

But he isn't nice. He's gruff and he ... gasp ... delegates decision-making! Horrors! He is not "accessible." The school district has 110 schools and how many teachers and administrators? It's ludicrous to expect one person to make the thousands of daily decisions necessary to run the operation.

The school board members seem to be pleased and isn't that why they were elected? It is their job to hire the superintendent, establish both educational and administrative policies to guide him/her, and to insure that both management style and results adhere to those policies. It is their responsibility to evaluate the employee's performance and to fire him/her when necessary.

In reality, if Rojas is any good, if he has the vision and the strength, then he should be able to establish the administrative guidelines and the structure to effectively guide his staff in making the needed daily decisions. He should be able to select quality lieutenants to oversee the "working structure."

Sure he's going to make mistakes: He's human and he's a New Yorker. (Sorry...) But as he is quoted as saying, "...the key is not to make the same mistake twice."

Further, it is mandatory to use what you learned from the mistake to move the district even further toward the goal of improved education for all children, and to make sure that the mistakes are not major and not frequent.

We are never satisfied when it comes to our educational system and the people who run it. Maybe we shouldn't be; but we will never get results if we don't give good people room to do their job. No one is ever going to do the job exactly the way we would do it.

It is unrealistic to expect a public administrator, in this case a school superintendent, to be all things to all people. Even a saint cannot see every one who wants to see him/her, be all places at once, respond to every demand made on their time, and still provide the thoughtful and innovative direction necessary to counteract the downward spiral experienced by the majority of our urban school districts today.

He's out west now, folks. Don't crowd him; give him room! Give him enough rope to either do the job ... or hang himself. But don't knock him out of the saddle before he's out of the corral just because you don't like the way he "sits the horse."

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New York Times Magazine Crossword Puzzle

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The adventures of a woman who does 'just a little bit more'

Barbara Brendinger is one of the women who did the same as the women around her — but just a little bit more. She helped start organizations, chaired organizations, but also regional chairman; she was with the choir and led the choir to meet the Pope. Just a bit more. Also, she had seven children. Seven.

She outlines her life in a way shows she has been interviewed before. She is comfortable with it, and with the viewer. And her quiet humor is refreshing.

Born in Settle, her family was living in Pennsylvania when her mother died. They stayed on with her grandfather, and she went to high school there. She was a student in Temple University when she met Bob, a mutual friend. In fact, Bob and the mutual friend did her homework. Bob was there taking a course in engineering during the war. They married in 1945 and the first four of their

children were born in Philadelphia.

Then Bob was offered a job with Bechtel. He was tired of shoveling snow so he took the job and they came out here. Of course, his hatred of snow might have had something to do with having his feet frozen during the Battle of the Bulge.

And so they came to El Cerrito and rented a house on Scott Street while taking a walk they found a house they loved just a few blocks away, bought it and have lived in it ever since. And three more children were born there.

Barbara joined the Women's Club (then called the Hill and Dale) as a way to meet people in her new community. She did meet some new friends and became very active in the club. With five daughters, she had 17 active years with Girl Scout troops. And in 1960 she joined her church's choir, and sings with it still.

The El Cerrito Art Association was an outgrowth of the Women's Club. It was after she was District

Chairman of the Women's Club that the Junior Womens Club which had put on art shows and a gallery in El Cerrito decided to drop it. So the Women's Club took it over and ran it for three years, with Barbara Brendinger and Regine Kressler as co-chairs.

When the women got tired of it, the two co-chairs went to see Joel Welherall of the city's Park and Recreation Department. He agreed that the department would be a co-sponsor. So began the E.C. Art Association.

It started with 13 members, and within a few months had 35. Their Art Show (the only non-juried show in the area) has been presented in the first week in May ever since.

She spent some time working at Capwells as an esthetician for Adrienne Arpel skin care and make up. And she helped to establish the Contra Costa Civic Theater. In fact, she and Bob were among the first 20 "Angels" who helped to rebuild the present theater. And she "did my share of repairing sets." Her children all

went through the young people's programs put on by Kathleen Flynn.

Barbara went to Contra Costa College to earn her AA in art and Mexican anthropology. While there she was a TA in the Art Department, teaching watercolors. She had been taking watercolor classes with Betty Saarni for years. And she continued those classes in her home.

When husband Bob retired they decided to go to Europe, and did it right. They travelled there for five months, including a month in Portugal when they took a house in a little fishing village in Alvor. Daughter Carol joined them for awhile, and did the cooking.

Two years later they revisited Europe with the Eldershostels.

Interesting, Carol doing the cooking. Now it is her career, and the career of two of their other children. Carol was a chef at Bay Wolf. Stephen is executive sous chef at Lulu's. Andrea is a cook (she says she is not yet a chef) at Citrone. And the others? Joyce and Alien are in computers and Robert (Bert) is in construction. Janet is getting a degree in

special education at Johns Hopkins University.

Oh, yes. Singing for the pope. The new choir director decided it would be nice to take the choir to Europe for a two-week concert tour. There they sang in places like Heidelberg and in St. Mark's in Venice; at Assisi, where they sang in the grotto where St. Francis is buried; and in Rome, where they gave a concert at St. Ignatius.

They sang for the pope at a papal audience which was "like a three ringed circus. They even had a brass band." In a room that held 8,000 people, four choirs had been invited to sing, and rehearsed one last time, each in its own part of the gigantic room. As each country announced its choir, the pope would speak to them in their own language, (if he didn't know the language, he

would read from a prepared paper).

But "the concert bank of Pisa brought down the house when they played the Washington Post March," Barbara reports, and, somehow, that brought all the diverse groups together, and they stopped trying to outshout each other. "It was a wonderful melding."

There's more. Where did the space go? I am sure they had vicissitudes. We all do. But they would only point up this picture of a delightful, productive life.

Thank you, Kelly Faulkner, for calling me about Barbara Brendinger. Nice. Very nice. And comfortable. And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: Interesting people events, etc. etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 947 or call 525-4585.

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Goings on About Town

Performances

Theater of the Blue Rose presents Michel de Ghelderode's *Escurial*, set during the final years of the Spanish Inquisition. Opens tonight, June 10, with performances June 11-13, 17-20, 24-26 at 8:30 p.m.; matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 27. \$5; no reservations. 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Rep presents *Noel Coward's Private Lives* through June 27. 845-4700.

Ashkenaz — Tonight, June 10: Mud Hut, 9 p.m., \$5; June 11: Caribbean Allstars, 9:30 p.m., \$5; June 12: West African Highlife Band, 9:30 p.m., \$6; June 13: Word of Mouth, 8 p.m., \$6; From 3-6 p.m. Alex Tehrani and Matt Stromberg show slides of their nine-week tour of Angiola, free; June 15: Tee Fee, 9 p.m. with 8 p.m. Cajun dance lesson, \$5; June 16: Mark Hummel, 9 p.m., with West Coast Swing lesson at 8 p.m., \$6; June 17: Rebel So-o, 9 p.m., \$6. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 526-7858.

California Shakespeare inaugurates its 1993 season with *The Winter's Tale* June 18-Aug 26 (preview June 16-17) at the Bruns Memorial Amphitheatre in Orinda. Shuttle from BART. \$15-\$27. 548-9666.

Hardback Theater presents the world premier of *Like D'Fog and Dog* by Steve Hayes-Pollard at Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. Preview June 8-10, opens Friday, June 11 at 8 p.m.; performances Thursday through Friday, June 11-27. \$10/\$6 (No one turned away for lack of funds.)

La Penna celebrates its 18th anniversary with an extravaganza June 12. Entertainment begins at noon with a children's program with Colibri and Plum City Players. Also on the bill are Gilberto Gutierrez and Son's jarocho dance group, Vukani Mawethu, Araucaria, Chaskinakuy, La Penna Chorus, Jackeline Rago, Erika Luckett, Azucar y Crema, Women Walking Tall. Guest emcees include Jose Antonio Burciaga, Derk Richardson and Betty Pazzino. Festivities end with a dance party featuring Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeno Band. Friday, June 11: Street Sounds, an a cappella quintet, performs at 8:30 p.m.; \$10. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-9397.

Downtown Jam, music on the streets of downtown Berkeley, gets underway June 15 at noon with Cats & Jammers playing swing music from the '20s, '30s and '40s. BART Plaza.

Singer, storyteller and folklorist Ed Miller sings traditional and contemporary songs from his native Scotland on Wednesday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at Julie's Place, 1553 Posen Ave., Berkeley. \$6. For reservations call 526-4228.

Kimball's East hosts McCoy Tyner Big Band June 16-20. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 658-2555.

Berkeley Symphony closes the season Wednesday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at UC's Zellerbach Hall. Program includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 8; and works by Williams and Takemitsu. 841-2800.

Freight & Salvage tonight, June 10: Cats and Jammers; June 11: Kalla Flexer and Third Ear, Medina USTA; June 12: Judith Kate Friedman and Friends; June 16: Any Old Time String Band, Blue Flame String Band; June 17: Redwood Canyon Ramblers, Kathy Kallick and (Mostly) Other Good Ol' Persons. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:11 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Tea Sport Cafe hosts gay and lesbian comedy Friday, June 11, 9 p.m. \$6. Early admission discount with dinner beginning at 6 p.m. 2072 San Pablo, Berkeley.

Organist Rodney Gehrke plays June 13, 5:30 p.m. in the Second Sunday series at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2309 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Starry Plough welcomes tonight, June 10: Well of Souls, Jazz Poetry Lounge presents Tea in Madagascar; June 11: Pomegranate, Dieselized, Cactus Motel; June 12: The Bedlam Rover, The Potato Eaters; June 13: Anwning Mondays: Traditional Irish dance and music sessions beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: Darts, 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Youth Performances at Berkeley Art Center's Youth Arts Festival, features a benefit show by Wavy Gray— and the introduction of Ben & Jerry's own "Wavy Gray" ice cream — on June 13 at 2 p.m.; \$2-\$10 (no one turned away for lack of funds.) **Kid's Nightclub** hosts multi-media performances and the Firecracker High Stepper Drill Team and Drum Corps. on June 17, 6:30 p.m. Free. 1275 Walnut St. 644-6893.

Music and Dance of Bali with Gamelan Sekar Jaya is at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley on Friday, June 18, 8 p.m. \$12/\$10. 237-6849.

Well of Souls DJs are on the turntables at Larry Blakes Tuesdays starting June 1, 9 p.m. on \$3. 2637 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 452-5545.

Berkeley Contemporary Opera presents Stephen Oliver's *Beauty and the Beast* through June 13. 84-JULIA.

Shotgun Players present David Mamet's *American Buffalo* beginning June 10. Shows Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. through June, La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. \$10/\$8. 869-4669.

Harpers Laurie Riley and Michael MacBean return to New Pieces on Friday, June 11, 8 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

The Hacksaws honor Howlin' Wolf on June 11, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Access Video, 841 Gilman St., Berkeley.

Berkeley Improvisors are on stage with musical accompaniment Wednesdays through July 28 at 7:30 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. 548-5199.

Building Education Center will hold a free open house in Berkeley on

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Grizzly Pack Flyfishers meet Thursday, June 10 to hear professional guide Brett Jensen, 7 p.m. at Kensington Youth Hut, 50 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 527-5456.

South Berkeley YMCA presents its 43rd annual Ham 'n Egg Breakfast on June 13. Ham, turkey ham, eggs, grits, hash brown, rolls, jelly, coffee, tea, fruit juice are on the menu. \$10; children under 12: \$3. Reservations required; make checks payable to South Berkeley YMCA, 2801 California St., Berkeley. 843-4280.

Magic Gardens continues its educational series Saturdays at 10 a.m. at 729 Heinz, Berkeley. Register at 644-1992. Classes are \$10; subscription of seven sessions is \$60. June 12: "Summer Blooming Perennials" with Aerin Moore.

Gathering Tribes, 1309 F Solano Ave., welcomes Thomas Banyaca, Hopi spiritual messenger, speaking on his prophecies and his presentation to the U.N. General Assembly. Saturday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Open mike for poets June 11, 7 p.m. 528-9038.

Professional Women of the East Bay sponsor "Gala Affair" with Bro. Edward B. Irvine on Friday, June 25, 7:30 p.m. at H's Lordships, Berkeley Marina. \$30. 525-1188 or 653-9117.

Berkeley Hiking Club June 13: Baltimore Canyon, 9 a.m. Hella Fluss and Paul Popencik (235-5090); mini-hike: Golden Gate Park, 9 a.m. Mary Meade (540-0893) and Marianne Noland (540-5050).

REI June 10: "The Pacific Crest Trail: Best Sections to Hike this Summer" with Eleanor Guilford; June 12: "Let's Go Camping," 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., features experts on where to go camping and hiking in California. Llamas will visit, cooking demonstrations. June 17: "Backpacking the Sierra's East Side: Sequoia and King's Canyon" with Peter Browning. Free. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

GAIA Bookstore programs: Thursday, June 10: Joan Halifax, "The Fruitful Darkness: Reconnecting With the Body of Earth"; June 11: Naomi Epe, "Writers Dreamings/Dreaming Writers." All at 7:30 p.m. Free with purchase of featured book; otherwise \$3. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

Summer Arts Festival, which benefits East Bay grade school art-in-the-schools programs, features music, refreshments and new art works at A New Leaf Garden Gallery on Sunday, June 13 from noon to 5 p.m. 2636 Berkeley, Berkeley. 525-7621.

Kensington Senior Center, Arlington Community Church, hosts Jackie Hetman's slide program on Siberia on Thursday, June 17, 11 a.m. 52 Arlington Ave. 526-5800.

Berkeley Child Art Institute will hold an open house celebration 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 13. Festivities include an exhibition of hats and portraits, a parade, jugglers, pinata and free plaster activities. 1250 Addison St., No. 106. 849-3385.

Truff and White Lumber offers free Saturday morning educational seminars monthly. June 5, 10 a.m.: "Today's Options in Shower Systems." Call 841-0511 for information.

Twenty-sixth biennial California Writers' Club Conference will be held July 23-25 at Asilomar. For a brochure write California Writers' Club, 2214 Derby St., Berkeley.

Class Struggle VIII, ASUC's chess tournament, will be held June 12-13 and MLK Jr. Student Union, Fourth Floor, UC-Berkeley. Register 9-10 a.m. Saturday for rounds 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No phone entries, no smoking, no computers.

City Commons Club meets for luncheon June 11 with UC-Davis Prof. Paul Zinner speaking on "Russia in Today's World." Reserve at 848-3533.

Black Oak Books — June 10, 6 p.m.: Carolyn Foster, *Family Pattern Workbook: Breaking Free from Your Past and Creating a Life of Your Own*; June 11, 8 p.m.: Garrett Hardin, *Living Within Limits: Ecology, Economics, and Population Taboos*; June 13: Lewis H. Lapham, *The Wish for Kings: Democracy at Bay*; June 13, 8 p.m.: Ronnie Gilbert, *Ronnie Gilbert and Mother Jones: Face to Face with the Most Dangerous Woman in America*; June 14, 7:30 p.m.: Joseph Bruchac, *Dawn Land*; June 15: Garrett Hardin, *Living Within Limits: Ecology, Economics, and Population Taboos*; June 16: Susanne Kaysen, *Girl Interrupted*; June 16: Ronald Takaki, *A Different Mirror: The Making of Multicultural America*; June 17: Phil Cousineau, *The Soul of the World: A Modern Book of Hours*. 1492 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

Youth Arts Workshops continue at Berkeley Art Center with Jos Sances on Saturday, June 12, 12:30-3:30 p.m. (ages 5-18) 1275 Walnut. 644-6893.

The Nature Company hosts a "T-Rex Encounter" on Friday, June 11, 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, June 12, noon to 4 p.m. at 740 Hearst St., Berkeley. 524-9052. "Dinosaur Chalk Park" is Sunday, June 13, noon to 1 p.m. at 1999 El Dorado, Berkeley. 524-6336.

Easy Going Travel presents "Falling Off the Map" with Pico Iyer on Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. Free. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-3533.

Birthways Class — Beginning June 12: "Newborn Care," 1-3 p.m.; June 17: "So Many Decisions, So Little Time," 7:30 p.m. 869-2797.

Berkeley Poetry Follies, featuring La Val's Open Mike Poetry Program, is on PCTV, Channel 29, Bay Cablevision on Fridays at 9:30 p.m. and Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

"The Difference Between Healing and Curing: An Introduction to Network Chiropractic" is a class offered by Jay Bunker, D.C., on Monday, June 28, 7:15-8:45 p.m. at 1307 Solano Ave., Albany. Reserve by calling 528-5050.

Building Education Center will hold a free open house in Berkeley on

June 16 with "How to Save Money When Building, Remodeling or Maintaining Your Home," June 10: "Timber Framing, Ancient and Modern"; June 12: "Earthquake Retrofitting; Pitfalls of Remodeling; Stucco Repair; Hardwood Floor Refinishing." For fees, times and locations call 525-7810.

Friday folk dance weekly at Albany YMCA 921 Kains near Solano. Meet great folks, fun, exercise. Beginners, families welcome. 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Information: 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7849. Everyone welcome.

Turning Point Career Center, University YMCA, hosts a lecture discussion on "A Career as a Travel Agent" on Tuesday, June 15, noon to 1 p.m.; \$3. A workshop on "Self-Assessment" will be held Four Wednesdays beginning June 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$70/\$75. A two-part workshop on "Researching the Hidden Job Market" with Deborah Bryant begins Thursday, June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Part II is June 24, \$50 for both; \$30 for one. Register early. Ongoing job-seekers' and career changers' workshops Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon, June 15-July 13. \$40/\$50. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Psychological Film Series continues with *Marty*, on Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. \$3/\$2. 524-0291.

Deck Day is Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with KGO House Doctor Ron Hazelton, Ashby Lumber, 824 Ashby, Berkeley.

Growing Great Roses is a UC Botanical Garden class with author and columnist Rayford Reddell on Sunday, June 13, 10-11:30 a.m. \$10/\$15. 642-3343.

Melave Malka talks about "What Dr. Ruth doesn't know" on Saturday, June 12 at 10 p.m. at Chabad House, 2634 College Ave., Berkeley. \$12/\$6. 540-5824.

Alta Bates Medical Center ongoing older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); 204-4475. LifeSpan exercise classes at South Berkeley Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m., and at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, 10-11:15 a.m., 841-4741; Cal Adult Sports Program, "Keep Moving," Tuesday and Thursday, 9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m., 643-5151. 204-4475.

American Red Cross sponsors a benefit "Day at the Races" June 19 at Gold Gate Fields, Albany. Lunch is 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; tickets are \$42. 535-2860.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents garden

tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

Improve your public speaking at a Berkeley Toastmasters club. Visitors welcome. Call 547-6355 for times and locations.

Exhibits

Daniel Buford's wood carvings and those of his students at the San Bruno County Jail are on display this month at Kenya impex, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

New Pieces presents quilts of Katy Pippen, whose second career is quilting with Japanese fabrics through June 30. Opening reception Friday, June 4, 7:30 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

National Institute of Art and Disabilities will exhibit the works by seven NIAD artists and two NIAD teachers in conjunction with East Bay Open Studios June 12 and 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 551 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0290.

Oaxaca and Surrounding Villages is an exhibit of color photographs by Jesse C. Rabindol at Musical Offering, 2430 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Through July 31. 849-0211.

"Oakland Mornings" paintings and drawings by Anthony Dubovsky, is at the Graduate Theological Union through June 27. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. 649-2400.

Giorgi Galley spotlights "The Fine Art of Jamaica" with ceramic sculptor Gene Pearson and painters Eric Cadier and Judy MacMillan. Through June 27. 2191 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. 849-4967.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: Exhibits opening June 6: "The Prophetic Quest"; Jacob Landau's stained glass windows and drawings created in the 1960s-90s, through Sept. 19; "Designs in Wood" by Albert Rosenblatt, through June 29; "Paintings with Light: Photographic Aspects in the work of E.M. Lilien," through Sept. 19. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley.

Roxanne Gilbert shows "10 Years/Print & Paint" at Back Door Studio, 1641 Hopkins (across from Carlton), Berkeley, on June 12-13, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Refractories Exhibition Space presents photographs from the Festival of the Lake Youth Exhibitors' competition through June 21. 600 San Pablo Ave., No. 105, Albany. 527-8664.

ACCI Gallery: "Form, Gesture & Animation" includes works by Kate Cameron, Bill Creitz and Glenn Spangler; "Fusion Fiber — Structure and Surface" is a multi-media fiber exhibition including works by Joy Stockdale and Mary Gould. Opening reception June 11, 6-9 p.m.; closes July 11, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

Beyond the Icon: Russian Conceptual Art, works by Vadim Vabrameev, continues through June at Gallery of the Center for Psychological

Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

Richmond Art Center presents "T.V. Times: The World Through the Box" through June 11. Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond. 620-6772.

Watercolors by Jean Cline are at Three C's Cafe, on Hearst across from North Gate.

"Dreams, Moments, Memories and Manifestos," new paintings by Alan Mart, is at the Right Stuff Gallery, 2981 College Ave., Berkeley through June. 849-5445. Call for invitation to opening.

Xochitti Nevel Guerrero's paintings and drawings and masks by Kaleo Ching are at the Berkeley Store Gallery through June 19. 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

"Young Impressions: Art from the Heart" shows art from young artists and their mothers who are residents of Battered Women's Alternatives' shelter. Through June 30 at Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond.

Alzheimer's Support at Doctors Hospital the second Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at Appian Way, Pinole. 724-8241. Support Group meets the second Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at Appian Way, Pinole.

Alzheimer's Society support group for cancer patients, their friends and family in North Berkeley, free; six-week group for women at Northbrae Community Church, \$80; grief and healing support group begins in June at Berkeley Jewish Community Center. Call 845-9055 for information on all groups.

Back support group meets monthly. For information call 849-4434.

Alzheimer's Association offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call (800) 942-1333.

Arts Anonymous, a support group for artists to share emotions and test material, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Park Recreation Hut, Berryman and Shattuck, Berkeley. 527-1243.

Brookside Hospital hosts the following support groups — Stroke, first Thursday, 7 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m.; Ostomy, fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m. 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo. Call 235-7006 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholic (or

Other Dysfunctional) Families Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church between Aashbury and El Cerrito. Free.

Women's support group meets monthly. Call Nancy at 841-9711.

Ongoing spiritual meetings adults, 18-40, are invited to group second Saturday every month at Walnut Creek.

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Overeaters Anonymous (Cerrito) meets Tuesdays, 8 p.m. at El Cerrito United Church, 6830 Stockton.

Overeaters Anonymous (Cerrito) meets every Saturday the 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; newcomers meet at John's Presbyterian Church, 273-8284-9500.

TOPS — Take Off Pounds Monthly — meets each Monday morning at 8 a.m. at St. Stanislaus.

Heart Talks are held the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Brookside Hospital Auditorium, Vale Road, San Pablo. 235-2295.

The Referral Source meets Thursday at noon to exchange business referrals, information, 763-4971.

Secular Organizations for Scientific Inquiry (S.O.S.) meets Monday at Berkeley/Albany Recovery Center, 2126 Sixth St., and Tuesday 9:30 p.m. at Berkeley United Children's Center, 1606 Bush.

Bereavement support group for newly widowed men and women. Widows' Widowers' Network, Walnut Creek. 256-7852.

The Bay Area Migraine Headache Support Group in Berkeley. Call 447-4500 for information and to register.



BART

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Since then, the idea has been on hold at the Plaza though the BART board did decide on a developer (names Oewel) for the El Cerrito Del Norte station.

Measure C specifically identifies a \$5.5 million for the construction of a parking structure at an El Cerrito BART station. When the Contra Costa Transportation Authority developed its first strategic plan for funding Measure C projects about two years ago, El Cerrito and BART applied for project funding. The application was turned down due to lack of project definition.

The application has been made again for inclusion in the 1993 strategic plan revision. For inclusion, both

the CTA and its West County committee (WCCTAC) will prioritize the project. WCCTAC met last Friday,

despite the efforts of committee member Cathie Ordway, also an El Cerrito City Council member, the committee did not make a decision. Community Development Manager Patrick O'Keeffe, however, told the City Council Monday night that he believes the details will be worked out and the regional funding structure will be recommended for funding in the 1993 strategic plan.

During that decision-making process, Ordway has continued dealing with the two interested developers. "There's been a delay after delay," he said. "I've had developers on hold since October."

In order to make some initial progress, Ordway and the City Council a month ago to consider a proposed development project. Though the east side of the BART station — north of Central Avenue — was never offered as a potential site, he suggested that a development be built there, waiting for west side development (on the site of the current large BART lot) until funding is available.

Ordway obtained the approval of the BART board for his proposal; the council, however, asked him to

wait a month to see what decision might be made on Measure C funding for the regional parking garage

which would be built as part of the westside development. Now, Ordway will be waiting a while longer — at least until after the June 16 CCTA meeting at which the type of decision is expected.

The City Council has expressed concern over one potential problem. The BART board — in particular of the newest members — has not made a strong statement in support of the regional parking structure.

On Friday night, the council decided to ask the board to

consider the matter as an urgency item at its meeting, in order to officially support the idea at next week's CCTA meeting.

The parking question is one O'Keeffe would have

had to have seen the city resolve.

In his official staff recommendation, O'Keeffe suggested the council urge the BART board to support the proposed joint development and parking structure project and to communicate that support to the CCTA. The council made the decision to follow those recommendations.

In a third recommendation, however, O'Keeffe had the council to make some decision about the proposed parking structure not be funded. Specifically, he recommended that the council adopt a

position eliminating further consideration of a parking structure on the west side of the Plaza station — too difficult to add after a mixed-use development has been erected — and to immediately pursue the west side development project. He also suggested consideration of a development on the east side be eliminated.

"I'm concerned the council will support an eastside (residential structure) when there is not support on the BART board for westside parking," O'Keeffe had said last week. "Why not instead come to a conclusion on whether or not (as a council) to support the (regional) parking structure? If the answer is no, then there's no conflict whether or not the funding is approved."

"We can then (proceed with) the joint development on the west side without parking."

The council did not opt to make any policy decisions; instead the city will wait for the CCTA's decision before formulating a policy concerning the site.

A suggestion by Jellison that BART consider loaning \$5 million to the project pending approval by the CCTA (which she believes will happen eventually) came as a surprise to the rest of the council. It did not surprise Ordway, however.

"It's my understanding that the earliest funding will be available will be 1995," he said. "We need the cash (now)." Ordway said he is already pursuing several options for immediate cash funding that could be later reimbursed by Measure C funds — from the state of California, from BART, and from other sources.

A legal decision concerning proper use of Measure C funding is expected before the CCTA June 16 meeting. According to Ritz, some BART board members are hesitant about supporting the project since they believe Measure C funds were intended for use only at the Del Norte station.

Landfill

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ous waste on the site, the Regional Water Quality Control Board in 1985 ordered the landfill to be capped and sealed.

"It was a worst-case scenario," Cappio said. The order required that the area be leveled off, capped with impermeable clay and sealed with a plastic membrane, costing "millions and millions of dollars," she said.

Since 1985, members of the Albany Waterfront Committee, other residents and city officials have been asking whether the total restructuring is necessary. Some have looked south to Berkeley's radically capped and sealed waterfront park and labelled it "the lump."

Results of current, definitive soil testing will prove whether less drastic remediation measures can be used to satisfy regulatory agencies and lead to creation of a park which takes advantage of the natural features already there.

"We hope to be able to ask the Regional Water Quality Control Board to modify the closure order," Cappio said. "It will be cheaper and a lot of people believe it's a more natural solution to the problem."

Vandalism mars Memorial Park building

By Dave Greer

Vandals struck the Albany Recreation and Community Services club house in Memorial Park last weekend, costing the city \$1,300 to \$1,500 in damages and overtime wages to clean up the mess.

"The water was about an inch deep and may have been running for 12 hours," said department director Bill Jones. "Food and towels were used to plug up the sink. More food was piled up in the middle of the floor and a door into the office was smashed."

Albany City Councilman Robert Goode, who lives across from the club house on Portland Avenue was walking by the building around 7 a.m. Sunday when he saw water pouring out an open door. He turned off the water and called police.

"It looks as though a door may have been left open or somebody had stolen a key," Jones said. "All the locks are being rekeyed now." The building was last used by a children's dance class on Saturday morning.

Carl Evans of the Public Works Department used a shop vac to clear the building of water. Jones and Recreation Supervisor Theresa Brant joined club house staffers Jennifer Adams, Kim Sinclair and Rita Willis in the clean-up which ran late into the day.

The vandals smashed the office door but once inside neither damaged valuable machines nor trashed the office. Office supplies and toys were taken and a radio was later found outside on the grass.

The vandals left graffiti "tags" in blue chalk on the walls which police are now investigating.

In an effort to hold repair costs down the Public Works Department is trying to find an old door for the office rather than buying a new one, according to Jones.

The present club house is slated for demolition as a new child care facility is under construction in Memorial Park at the site of the old horseshoe pit.

"We hope to be in the new building in October," Jones said. "And it will have an alarm system and tamper-proof windows."

School Notebook

by Julie Winkelstein

if we work at it.

Why are we being warned like this? I can't figure it out. But it has been going on for years.

I remember when my eldest daughter was about 9 or 10. I used to wake her and worry. What would I do when she became a teenager? According to books and magazines, she was going to become a surly and uncommunicative person. If she didn't become addicted to drugs or commit suicide, by the age of 14, I would be lucky.

So, I waited for her to pull away and start shutting herself in her room, hostile and withdrawn.

But, fortunately, she must not have read the same books I did. At 17, she's still talking to me.

So, what went right? What did I do?

I don't think I did anything. And I don't think I'm just lucky. I think there are no "kids of this age." They don't exist.

There are people of all ages. And we all have issues to work on. We all need someone who listens to us and thinks we're great, just for existing. It's not an age or even a gender, it's human nature.

I'm glad there isn't a brochure they hand out before marriage. If someone studied all my personality traits and summarized them in a handbook, *Your Middle-Aged Wife*, I'd be in trouble. Or single.

Because, like middle school children, sometimes I "overtax" (my) digestive system with large quantities of improper foods." I am also "disturbed by body changes," unfortunately inherent in getting older, and I've been known to be "easily offended and sensitive to criticism of personal shortcomings." But I'm working on it.

Our children are constantly changing, too. No brochure can begin to describe the wonder I feel as a parent, as I watch my children gradually evolve into the independent people they will become. They will go from infant to college student, and because I'm their mother, I get to be there for all of it.

I chose to be a parent. I like being someone's mom. And I like my children the way they are.

I know these brochures must be trying to support and educate us. They can't really just be trying to scare us, no matter how much it seems that way.

But generalizations aren't comforting to me. They don't tell me anything new. After all, I've got children.

I can recognize a hungry child; I can answer a question about ethics. I can tell when it's time to back off and when it's time to comfort and support. I've been doing it for years. I make mistakes, but then so do my children. I don't think any of us are keeping tally sheets.

I think problems come from assumptions and preconceptions. Just as we want our children to listen to us, not just as parents, but as human beings, so they want us to hear them.

Time after time, I have been told by experts that children this age are not always truthful. Because they are so confused, they may not get the story quite right. They tend to be overly dramatic or sensitive, so we should not take their feelings too seriously.

Can you imagine if someone said that about your feelings? Actually, someone probably did. And you probably remember how it felt.

I have been a kid of many ages and so have my children. We will all continue to grow, and I will make allowances for them, just as I hope they will make allowances for me.

After all, just as this is their first time being them, this is my first time being me.

And I promise not to believe everything I hear, if they'll promise the same.

Entertainment aplenty at local library

Children ages 3 and up are invited to Bonnie Lockhart's Songs and Music Around the World program on Tuesday, June 29 at 3 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library. The free, 45-minute program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library.

Save the dinosaurs and win prizes in the Summer Reading Game in the El Cerrito Library beginning June 11 and ending Aug. 30. Children of all ages, as well as teens and adults, are encouraged to sign up for the game, entitled "Jurassic Ark." Pre-schoolers may also get credit for the game if an adult or older sibling reads aloud to them.

After all the dinosaurs are saved, the participant wins a dinosaur sticker, a dinosaur eraser and a ticket to an Oakland A's game on Aug. 30, against the Toronto Blue Jays. The number of books required to win may vary with the luck of the spin.

For further information call Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian, at 526-7512. El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library System is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. Hours are Monday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Letters

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letter to Gov. Pete Wilson.

Imagine a business where the owner has to keep the door open because there are so many people coming and going from the minute the shop opens for business until it closes. Where customers bump into one another because there are so many of them in the aisles. Where the stock can't be replaced fast enough on the shelves to satisfy customer demand.

What I've just described is a day in the life of the Albany Library, a "business" that traffics in ideas, imagination and information. Reduce this in any way, and the forces that motivate, stimulate and create "commercial" businesses as well as the business of daily lives dries up. What stunts the lives of people of all ages, stunts the lives of thriving communities.

On an individual level, I use the library two or three times a week — for personal and business reading and research to check out talking books, videos and compact discs. I use the library because I can't afford to buy all the books I want to read. The active library system was one reason I chose to relocate to Alameda County and Albany in particular which has outstanding services and a dedicated staff, who deserve to keep the jobs they work as hard at.

I urge you to support a minimum \$17 million 1993-94 budget for the Alameda County Library. Please do not cut this budget, which the local property taxes I pay help to support.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to many more years of library services and reading

pleasure.

Christina Van Horn

Good business

Editor:

As my wife and I drove past the almost completed Home Depot Store, we were thrilled by yet another improvement in El Cerrito's property values, potential tax base, and environmental quality.

This is another plus for the redevelopment plan, despite the unremitting attacks of the unremitting, tunnel-visioned El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance (of Jarvis Gannsians).

Sadly, half truths, innuendos, and strident personal attacks on outstanding public servants persist and continuously threaten the well-being of the city, its citizens, and its good government.

Regrets and despair are not enough. We must join the friends of El Cerrito to defeat the destroyers of our fair city.

Dan Freudenthal

Preserve the trees

Editor:

The recent decision by the Park and Recreation Commission to approve the removal of the two camphor trees at Portland and Carmel is disappoint-

ing.

While we sympathize with Mrs. Sears' medical condition, there is no medical evidence that she will be cured if these two trees are removed (and since there would be two camphor trees left, it would only be a matter of time before they too would be targeted to go). However, the community will suffer the loss if this action is taken. We suggest that alternatives be explored before such drastic measures are taken.

We appeal to the city council to reconsider the impact of this decision.

Nathan and Joan Kotlyar

Thanks for publicity

Editor:

As the Director of Hausmusik, I would like to thank you for the good and consistent coverage you have given our 1992-93 concert series at St. Alban's Church in Albany. Thanks to photos and detailed program information, we have drawn capacity audiences numbering 80-135 and people have really enjoyed the concerts.

Hausmusik will be offering another season of Early Music at St. Alban's in the Fall.

Please continue the good work. You are providing an invaluable service to the community by publicizing local artistic and musical events.

Eileen Hadidian

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rear tire stolen during the night of May 15 in rear of Arlington Boulevard.

• A jacket was taken from an unlocked car in Trevino's lot on May 16. A basketball and tapes were taken from a car parked in the 800 block of Terrace Drive during the night of May 16.

• Other reported property thefts from were: in-dash stereos from the 10500 block of Pablo Avenue during the daytime on May 15; Albany Ford between May 8 and 10, a briefcase from a vehicle parked at the Nation's lot between 2 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. on May 9, cash and a radio from the 800 block of Kearney between 2 a.m. and May 20, and electronic equipment from 8th and Central during the night of May 18.

• A vandal or burglar smashed the window in the 2600 block of Monte Vista during the night of May 13; nothing was taken. Another window shattered — and the car entered — at 10th and Huber avenues during the daytime on May 13.

• A Richmond man smashed the window in the 6000 block of San Diego Street at 12:30 a.m. June 6. He was caught by the victim when an alarm went off and gave up the property. The man fled on foot but was later caught by police.

• A bicycle was taken from in front of Liquors at 3 p.m. May 4. A male suspect stole a bike from the rear yard of a home in the 6000 block of Gladys Avenue at 2:34 a.m. May 13 on seeing the victim.

• There were four arrests for driving with a suspended license, four for driving unlicensed

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WORD OF MOUTH

By John McNulty

"Summertime and the livin' is easy. Your daddy's rich and your mama's good looking..." and the Caribbean rhythms of Aire Tropical or Ulisse & His Island Crew fill a local beer garden on alternate Sundays. All-you-can-eat barbecued ribs, chicken and homemade sausage substitute for the cotton growing high in the Porgy and Bess song. Word of Mouth can stand just one more serving. So "hush little baby" and cruise on over to the Tied House (8 Pacific Marina at the end of Triumph on the water, Alameda; parking; Info and directions, 521-4321) any Sunday afternoon.

The expected warming of the East Bay (what rain?) inspires festive outdoor eating. In this spirit Tied House has brewed its first edition of Mai Bock, a Bavarian style beer traditionally brewed in celebration of the arrival of spring.

Ti Bacio Ristorante & Bar (5912 College Ave., Oakland's Rockridge District; 428-1703) is now oriented to al fresco food service. You'll find health-conscious cooking of Italian dishes in the artistic and luxuriant environment. Weekend lunches and daily dinners complete with full flavor and without the heavy salting of some restaurants. Fresh air too.

WoM's tropical mood continues at Kimball's Carnival (5800 Shelmound St., below Kimball's East at the Emery Bay Marketplace, Emeryville; 653-5300) with the scheduled appearance of Conjunto Cespedes, the Bay Area's premier Afro-Cuban Son band. Great dancing to this band Friday and Saturday evenings June 11 and 12, Sunday the 13th the very tal-

ented Colombian Claudia Gomez leads her band beginning at 4 p.m. Dance lessons before the shows.

Drop over to Carnival before the show for dinner. Chef Tim Quinn prepares Caribbean/Latin style cuisine. Among the menu selections are Rum & Coconut Shrimp, Jerk Chicken Wings, Stuffed Roti and Lamb Piri Piri. Sandwiches and desserts fill out the substantial yet affordably priced menu. Try Sweet Potato Ginger Cake, Chocolate Torte (with Brazil Nut Praline topped with Chocolate Ganache and Mousse) or a Flan which manager Isabele Yrigoyen describes as on a par with the best, which is ... "my mothers flan!"

Crawdads anyone? Lots of 'em at the Great Isleton Crawdad Festival June 18, 19 and 20. In the delta town of Isleton along the Sacramento River, of course. There's a Cajun crawdad cookoff, Cajun cooks on view, zydeco music and a crawdad parade. Better there than here! Take the drive.

At first Word of Mouth figured that the new College Ave. eatery named Fat Fani's (5301 College Ave., Oakland's Rockridge District; 654-7337) would be just the place to load up on calories. Reading the menu straightened WoM out fast. Fat Free Fani's is the real name. A good portion of all the breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner selections prepared there are 97% or more fat free. Just what the doctor ordered.

Everything from Baked Mostaccioli (pasta baked with cheeses and red sauce) to Eggplant Parmesan—and for dessert, Chocolate Chewy Sundae—is served almost fat free. If you believe that avoiding fat calories is a key to balanced body fitness, then this is the place for you. For the fat-unconcerned, the menu at Fat Fani's offers dishes not calibrated to thin you down but to please the taste. Great idea!



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East Bay Events This Week



Peggy Eagen

Berkeley Contemporary Opera presents Stephen Oliver's 'Beauty and the Beast'

The Berkeley Contemporary Opera concludes its season with an opera by British composer Stephen Oliver, who died last year of AIDS. His *Beauty and the Beast*, based on the classic fairy tale, is "an enormously artful work (whose) real beauty lies in its simplicity," according to James Wierbicki of *Opera News*. The small band of instrumentalists is incorporated into the action, sometimes as storytellers, sometimes as characters. Although the composer died at 42, he earned an entry in the *New Grove Dictionary of Opera*, which said of him that he "wrote with special sympathy for the voice, and was a skilled orchestrator and a fluent master of many styles and idioms."

The four performances are tomorrow at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m., all at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6 to \$25; call 84-JULIA for reservations, or 339-6436 for more details.

Dance Brigade takes on 'Cinderella'

The Dance Brigade premieres *Cinderella, A Tale of Survival*, tomorrow, with additional performances Saturday and Sunday and then Thursday through Sunday of next week (i.e., June 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20), all at 8 p.m. at the Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St. (at Ninth) in Oakland. The choreography is by Krissy Keever to a play by Toni Press and music by Ferron. The work explores "the widespread American crisis of child abuse and domestic violence." If it's like other work of the troupe, *Cinderella* is for people who welcome a heavy dose of politics in their art. Tickets are \$10 to \$17. Call 465-3686 for details.

Celtic harp music at New Pieces

Harp duo Laurie Riley and Michael MacBean will perform traditional Irish, Scottish and Welsh music, as well as original pieces, using a variety of harps, tomorrow at 8 p.m. at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. The concert is the finale of the 1992-93 harp series at New Pieces. Admission is \$8 (\$6 for seniors and children). Harp fans are invited to leave young babies at home. Call 527-6779 for more information.

1993 East Bay Open Studios' begins

This weekend and next, over 475 artists in the East Bay will open their studios to the public. Studios north of highways 24 and 580 (from Oakland all the way north to Pinole) will open Saturday and Sunday this week. Those south of those highways will open June 19 and 20. The hours both weekends are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To find the studios, first go to the Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth St. in Old Oakland, to get a map.

Pro Arts is holding its own exhibition, and it is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Thursday, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pro Arts holds a reception for many of the artists taking part. Call 763-4361 for more information.

Open Studios is funded by the California Arts Council, the cities of Oakland and Emeryville, the California Tamarack Foundation, Clorox Co. Foundation, East Bay Community Foundation, Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation, Koret Foundation, LEF Foundation, San Francisco Foundation and the Zellerbach Family Fund.

Joe Thrift's sculptures can be seen this weekend at his studio, 1817 Francisco, Berkeley; 441-9869. This one is titled "Sublime."



'Made in America' has depth of a sitcom

■ *All the traffic tie-ups for this locally made comedy weren't worth it.*

By Basil De Pinto

The one thing wrong with *Made in America*, Richard Benjamin's new comedy, is that Whoopi Goldberg can't be on screen every minute. Whenever she does appear, her slightly wacky charm and her very big personality inject some sense into this otherwise vapid exercise in futility.

Movies

Apart from Whoopi, why would anyone want to spend two hours pondering the misadventures of a sperm bank donation? I kid you not; we have hit the bottom of the script barrel here.

Considering the potential for tastelessness in the central notion, the finished product is not really offensive. But it is silly, shallow and only occasionally funny.

Goldberg plays Sarah Mathews, the successful owner of a small bookstore on the Oakland/Berkeley frontier. Her daughter Zora (Nia Long) accidentally discovers that she is not the daughter of the late Mr. Mathews, but the result of the widow Sarah's request that she be inseminated from a man who was "smart, black and not too tall."

Zora is consumed with the desire to know who her father really is. A visit to the sperm bank and some devious manipulation of its computer leads her to .

the anonymous donor.

He turns out to be Hal Jackson (Ted Danson) who is very tall, very dumb and, worst of all, white. Jackson owns a car dealership which he plugs with relentlessly idiotic TV commercials, using as sidekicks a variety of animals only slightly dumber than he is.

Sarah is revolted at the discovery of the man who supposedly contributed to the making of her bright, pretty daughter and orders Jackson to keep his distance. But Zora wants a father, whoever he may be.

Many complications ensue, most of them predictable enough. In fact, you've seen all this before, the movie being nothing so much as a standard TV sitcom transferred to the large screen.

Which means that instead of clearly defined characters who act on their own and out of the logic of their personalities, we get stock figures: the fast-talking, nonsense black woman, the clumsy white male (who still manages to appear dominant, finally).

If this had been conceived as anything but a goofball comedy, it might have been the occasion for some meaningful reflection on race relations. Clearly somebody wanted to say something on the subject in choosing two popular, racially distinct stars.

But the budding romance between Sarah and Hal is a "let's pretend" affair which blithely ignores the racial difference — not at all the same as seeing beyond racial difference to accept the other because of personal intrinsic worth.



Ted Danson, Nia Long, Whoopi Goldberg and Will Smith at Zora's graduation, in 'Made in America'

This neglect of genuinely comedic insight in favor of superficial gags and shopworn double takes rubs off on the players, who get no chance to develop character and must settle for milking laughs like standup comics.

Danson had much more verve as Sam, the centerpiece of the late, lamented *Cheers*. He fairly sleepwalks his way through this unflattering role, as well he might, since it requires so little.

Long does what she can as Zora, looking beautiful, but showing none of the spunk that has made her mother a successful business woman.

Goldberg does her best to save the picture, and indeed there are individual moments when she

shines as the lone diamond in all the rough. But her pseudoromance with Danson is not very convincing, and she fades at the end like everybody else.

There are some great local shots of the UC-Berkeley campus, Telegraph Avenue, Ashby and College, and the Bay Bridge. (Remember the traffic jams when the picture was being shot last year?) But we can look at these things all the time.

The movie needs to offer something more, and it just doesn't come through.

Richard Benjamin, who once had a decent career as an actor, has directed nine features including this one, and has yet to strike paydirt. Better luck next time.

ROVA Sax Quartet builds new bridges

■ *ROVA plays with a sense of breaking new sonic barriers.*

By Charles Levin

First impressions can easily deceive — especially in avant-garde music.

Jazz

For instance, it's easy to compare the ROVA Saxophone Quartet to the "third-stream" experimentation of the early '60s, a movement led by composer Gunther Schuller, Modern Jazz Quartet pianist John Lewis and bassist Charles Mingus.

Like those artists, ROVA draws its influences from jazz,

contemporary classical music and the realm of improvisation associated with both idioms. But the third-streamers seem almost tepid in comparison to the Bay Area-based quartet.

In sharp contrast, ROVA plays with a shared sense of breaking new sonic barriers and building bridges with audiences that the early pioneers like Schuller, Lewis and Mingus never achieved.

ROVA presents Figure 8, an evening of music for eight saxophones, this Saturday at Pro Arts in Oakland.

Formed in 1977, ROVA began as a one-time concert at Mills College that its members enjoyed so much that they decided to pursue it as a full-time project. The name is an acronym for its original

members' last names: Jon Raskin, Larry Ochs, Andrew Voight and Bruce Ackley. Voight left in 1988 and was replaced by Steve Adams.

Since forming, they've toured the former Soviet Union, Europe and the United States. To date, they've made 17 recordings of their work, the latest being *From the Bureau of Both on Black Saint*.

ROVA member Ackley describes their melting pot of influences as including (among others) the esoteric rock of Frank Zappa (long known for his interest in composers like Stravinsky and Varese) and moving quickly to Miles Davis' early fusion ideas.

"We all grew up listening to rock music but in slightly differ-

ent eras," says Ackley early one morning in his Oakland home. "Through Miles Davis and the more fusion-oriented stuff, we all got into jazz. We were listening to those 'missing link' kind of groups like (Frank) Zappa who made the leap between more experimental and improvisational rock music to jazz."

In their various formative stages, the individual members collectively absorbed artists like John Coltrane, Ornette Coleman, Sun Ra and Cecil Taylor, all musician-composers who've pushed the envelope on improvisation.

Like those who've influenced them, ROVA has been well received in the conservatory world of modern music. But Ackley

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Choral group excels in polarized program

■ *The performances were uniformly excellent; not so the compositions.*

By Rocky Leplin

On Saturday the Baroque Choral Guild performed a concert at Berkeley's First Congregational Church. Actually it was two concerts. One began at 8 p.m. and the other began at 9 p.m. They were both given the same title, "A Time for Peace — For those who have died, who suffered, who struggled, and who await."

The purpose of the first concert seemed to be to encourage a period of suffering and a struggle by the end of which the listener awaited death. The second concert brought such incisive salvation that the listener felt it had been worth waiting for.

The four 20th-century works that made up the first concert could all have been written by one multilingual composer in a deep depression. They were performed so beautifully that it was almost possible to forgive the composers for writing them, and director Robert Geary for performing them while hundreds of infinitely better pieces go begging for an audience.

The composers were Rachmaninoff, the Argentine Ariel Ramirez, Hungarian-born Irving Dvorak, and San Francisco's

Kirke Mechem. The pieces of the later three were contemporary, but the intervening years between them and the *Magnificat* from Rachmaninoff's *All Night Vigil* of 1915 failed to run up more than one musical thought that had not already been dispensed before Rachmaninoff was born.

They shared extinct tonal conservatism, sustained vowels sung so as not to wake the baby, crawling tempos, ponderous rhythms, dynamic changes that accelerated from zero to 10 in sixty seconds, and a scrupulous avoidance of emotions in texts that virtually screamed for musical replication.

Set to popular melodies, Ramirez's *La Huida* (The Flight) is an excerpt from *Navidad Nuestra*, a tableau of scenes from the Old Testament. I actually refers to the disappeared of the Dirty War: "The road is long, the desert is immense. They're already slitting our throats. The knife-points are dripping blood." The Choral Guild sang it perfectly, but without the words, you might think it was about wash day.

Mechem's *Island in Space* used texts by astronaut Russell Schweickart about his 1969 space walk, and an ode to the planet by Archibald MacLeish. Schweickart's references to seeing from space, the repository of "all history, all poetry, all music, all art, death, birth, love, tears, all

games, all joy" were all absent. The Earth it described was devoid of all life.

The only composer to whom one must attribute an awareness of music since 1850 was Carmel. His *Al Har Ha'Elohim* (On the Mountain of the Lord), a failed search for God, contained one passage of Stravinskyian harmonies in quick rhythms ("Answer me") that were soon buried beneath singing that, ironically, was the most monastic of anything on the program.

Only Rachmaninoff could be excused for writing in a tradition that was (a) a thousand years old, and (b) his. His *Magnificat* contained only one real burst of passion, set to "He has put down the mighty from their thrones." The introspective religiosity of the rest of the piece evoked a people with an ancient history of yearning for a paradise unattainable in this world. It was performed with sublime dignity with a ground of solid bass and profound resonance from all other sections.

All the pieces were performed with a loving care that was extremely generous under the circumstances.

The second concert consisted of one work. Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Mass* is not generally considered an "A" composer, but his *Dona Nobis Pacem* is a masterpiece. It moved not from strength

to strength but from rapture to rapture.

The first notes of soprano Sara Ganz were so rich and radiant that for those "who awaited" through the first concert, the waiting was over. Through all her solos, her fluid vibrato rang effortlessly all the way through *Pacem*'s final m's.

Leroy Kromm's baritone had the warmth and clarity of a well-played cello. Not to be outdone, concertmaster Clarice Horelick's violin did not merely play, but vibrantly sang her solos.

In total contrast to the earlier concert's composers, Vaughan Williams meticulously elicited the many moods of texts by Walt Whitman, John Bright and a number of Old Testament prophets.

Just as a sure and keenly inspired hand guided this work through a mosaic of emotions, so did Robert Geary lead, impassioned, the Baroque Choral Guild through an interpretation that delivered each gentle nuance and every blazing fortissimo with authority and conviction. The piece would not have been so awesome were the performance any less.

A tip for attending future dual concerts by the Baroque Choral guild is, stay through the first part, whatever they're singing. You'll be sorry if you miss the second.

Monumental painting of Washington has new home

Emanuel Leutze's monumental historical painting, "Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth" (1854), captures the pivotal moment in June 1778 when the Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington, finds a contingent of demoralized American soldiers fleeing from battle in Monmouth County on the New Jersey plain.

Demanding from the commanding officer, General Lee, the reason for the chaotic retreat and consequently dismissing him from command, Washington assumes charge of the regiment and rallies the troops to a counter-attack and ultimate victory.

Larger than life and positioned squarely in the foreground of the painting, an idealized Washington is depicted as an inspiring leader whose strength of character alone can turn the tide of battle.

The painting is one of two that Leutze painted on the theme of the American Revolution — the other being the famous patriotic icon, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," of 1851. Both these works were painted in Düsseldorf, where the German-born Leutze returned to study painting after having lived in America throughout childhood.

The so-called Düsseldorf School, of which Leutze was a leading figure, emphasized emotionally charged landscape and allegory paintings, and tried to represent patriotic events in accurate settings.

For this work, Leutze was so



Emanuel Leutze's 1854 painting "Washington Rallying the Troops at Monmouth" is in its last week of display at the University Art Museum.

particular about authenticity that he copied the faces of Washington, Hamilton, and Lafayette from old portraits and took every American tourist he could find in Düsseldorf to pose for American soldiers.

After failed attempts to negotiate with the American Congress, Leutze accepted a commission for the Monmouth painting from a New York banker and collector,

David Leavitt. On its completion, the painting was briefly exhibited to wide acclaim and then remained in Leavitt's private gallery until his death in 1879.

It was purchased by Mrs. Mark Hopkins and brought to the Bay Area. In 1882, Mrs. Hopkins donated the work to the University of California at Berkeley.

After its arrival on campus, "Washington Rallying the Troops

at Monmouth" was exhibited in Bacon Hall and then in the newly completed Doe library in 1911. The following year due to further construction in the library, the painting was rolled up and put into storage, not to reappear for another 53 years.

In 1964, the university received an inquiry regarding the painting from the editors of *American Heritage* magazine.

After some detective work, it was discovered in the basement of the Hearst Gymnasium for Women.

After over a half century of storage in a less than ideal holding area, the painting had sustained considerable damage. The California chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution contributed funds toward the full restoration of the work by Charles Muscovitz of UC-Davis, who also

designed a unique stretcher system to facilitate the hazardous process of and moving the enormous painting.

Leutze's painting is again on display in the University Art Museum's Swig Gallery (Galleria) until June 13. On June 13, the painting will be moved to the Doe Library.

■ East Bay Events continued



Benny Green, appearing with Dick Whittington this Sunday

Benny Green comes home to Berkeley

Pianist **Benny Green**, a graduate of Berkeley High School who has established himself as a major jazz artist through his work with Art Blakey, Freddie Hubbard, Ray Brown and recordings with his own trio, returns to Berkeley this weekend for a two-piano concert at the Maybeck Recital Hall. Green will perform as a soloist, then be joined by **Dick Whittington**, who was once Green's teacher and who is the moving force behind the Maybeck. The concert is at 4 p.m. Sunday; tickets are \$20. Call 848-3228 for reservations (which are needed for this tiny but exquisite hall designed by Bernard Maybeck). The hall is at 1537 Euclid Ave. (at the corner of Buena Vista) in Berkeley.

Three play openings

Mamet play at LaVal's

The Shotgun Players present **David Mamet's American Buffalo** at LaVal's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 through June 26. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 for seniors and students), with special \$5 admission for students on Thursday. Call 869-4669 for reservations, which are recommended.

Belgian magic realist play at Blue Rose

The Theater of the Blue Rose presents Michel de Ghelderode's *Escurial*, concerning the final years of the Spanish Inquisition and the "farcical duel to the death" of a "heretical king and his disillusioned fool." Ghelderode is described in the press release as "the brilliant Belgian magic realist." The play opened last night and plays Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. through June 26, with a final performance at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27. Admission is \$5; no reservations. The theater is at 2525 Eighth St. (between Parker and Dwight), Berkeley; call 540-5037 for more details.

Play about the assassination of Lorca

Hardback Theater presents the premiere of **Steve Hayes-Pollard's Like Dog and Dog**, a play based on the arrest and death of poet Federico Garcia Lorca. The publicity says of the play: "The major and chief of police of a small Spanish town are joined by a hotshot lawyer from Barcelona. They organize the capture of the young homosexual poet and playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. Arrested for performing in violation of a curfew, the poet is ordered to confess to inciting the public to riot. When he refuses, Lorca is forced to play a vicious game to defend his art and his life."

The play opens tomorrow at 8 p.m., then plays Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with a final performance June 27 at 8 p.m., at the Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St. (at Dwight), Berkeley. Tickets are \$10 (\$6 for seniors and students). Call 549-9446 for reservations.

ROVA

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ley says they are starting to make inroads with the "roots rock" music crowd and their venues. Recently, they appeared at Slim's in San Francisco, while earlier this year, a performance at the Continental Club in Austin, America's roots music capital, sold out.

The results of their efforts speak for themselves. With the extraordinary range of timbre and volume that only the saxophone can create, ROVA's sound attacks with an "in-your-face" salvo.

The group composition *Swang* starts with an infectious shuffle rhythm and later explodes into a cacophonous, avant-garde Dixieland ensemble. *Swapmeet! Swapmeet!* utilizes a funky baritone line worthy of any Tower of Power horn arrangement but segues off into Webern-like, pointillistic minutiae.

Much of the soloing throughout the CD screams with rawness and abandon, but ROVA can be restrained as well. Raskin's *Pinnacle* sounds like "contemporary music tone poem meets jazz ballad" — Schoenberg meets Strayhorn, if you will.

This Saturday's Figure 8, the second of four performances that ROVA calls "musical indoor barbecues," represents a move from the traditional democratic collaboration that has defined the group's efforts to date.

"Each member was given the responsibility of curating one (concert)," says Ochs, who created this performance. "We (each) came up with our own ideas."

For Figure 8, Ochs drew his inspiration from such diverse

resources as the world music of Zairean pop and Balinese Monkey chant, jazz artists like the late Albert Ayler, contemporary composers like Iannis Xenakis and Morton Feldman, filmmaker Stan Brakhage and the rock group Pain Killer.

"It's a lot of 'saxophonic' language and sound that I've heard for larger ensembles, (but that) I wanted to do with eight saxes," says Ochs in a phone interview. "It's my music, but I hear and see things and decide I want to use (them).

"It all goes in and rolls around and comes back out," he adds of his own creative musical blender.

In the case of filmmaker Brakhage, it's the visual concept of the artist that attracted Ochs. Considered one of the most important avant-garde filmmakers of the last 40 years, Brakhage uses no soundtrack music but nevertheless creates a musical language with his visual presentation, says Ochs.

The first half of Saturday's performance will feature three works for the eight woodwinds and a few duos. The second half will be one 40-minute work for the entire group.

For the show, Ochs enlisted locals Dave Barrett and Glenn Spearman, New York-based Tim Berne and Los Angeles-based Vinny Golia.

As with all their previous endeavors, ROVA continues to explore the outer edges of textural complexity afforded to their instrumentation, utilizing unconventional compositional ideas.

However, they do have one thing in common with the third stream: ROVA has consistently

run against the tide of fads and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to their music regardless of what's fashionable.

"We all listen to very raw music," says fellow member Ackley. "Whether it be Steve (Adams) listening to Captain Beefheart or Larry (Ochs) and I listening to (blues legend) Little Walter, this stuff is very important to us. It's get-down music. And I think that distinguishes us from the really polite new music ensemble. I think we want to hit it in the guts and go for a really visceral response."

The ROVA Saxophone presents Figure 8, an

collaborative improvisation of eight saxophones. Some

Pro Arts, 461 Ninth St.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 a

person. For more information about these shows, call 644-8888.

In July ROVA continues with Octane, July 17; Vertizon, July 30. Performances will be held at

For more information about these shows, call 644-8888.

phony is the soloist in the Williams concerto.

Miles Anderson, former principal trombonist for the San Francisco Symphony, joins Bennett in the *Gemeaux* (Twins), solo parts for oboe and

Gemeaux was commissioned by Suntori Ltd. as part of the International Program of Composition. It premiers in 1986 in Japan.

For tickets, call 841-3333.

BSO plays Beethoven Takemitsu on June 16

The Berkeley Symphony Orchestra concludes its '92-'93 season Wednesday, June 16, with an 8 p.m. performance at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall.

Music director Kent Nagano conducts a program consisting of Beethoven's Symphony No. 8, Vaughan Williams' Oboe Concerto and the U.S. premiere of Toru Takemitsu's *Gemeaux*.

William Bennett, principal oboist for the San Francisco Symphony

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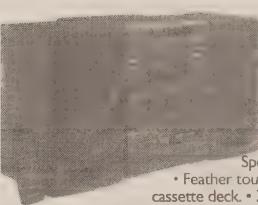
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MARTIN SNAPP

Feeling blue about Bill: OK, I've just come up with the Republican campaign slogan for '96: "See? We told you!"

Depressing, huh? On Monday I called my college roommate, Frank Kramer, who is one of those Washington lawyers you hear so much about. (His firm represented Anita Hill.)

"Frank," I pleaded, "tell me things aren't that bad. Tell me Clinton really has it under control."

"I wish I could," he said, "but the truth is that it's even worse than it looks. It's like Carter all over again, only worse. I've never seen anything so inept in all my years in Washington. Everyone here is afraid that the Republicans are going to come back in '96 and never go away again."

Speaking of Carter — oops, I mean Clinton — I have a slight correction to my column about how much local politicos pay for their haircuts: Yes, Berkeley City Councilwoman Shirley Dean does get her locks shorn by Rebecca Frogge of Solano Hair Designs. But no, Frogge doesn't own the place. So says Kimberly Schuh, and she ought to know. She's the real owner.

Meanwhile, another Kim — Kim Wilson of Montclair — asks, "OK smartass, where do you get your hair cut?"

Funny you should ask, Kim. I've been going to Ed Renfro at Edward Guerry Haircutting on Grand Ave. By coincidence, the day that column appeared was the day of my monthly haircut appointment. As I walked in, Ed announced, "Guess what? I'm moving to Danville."

Aughhh! What should I do? Find another hair stylist? Or schlep out to Danville once a month? Suggestions, readers?

News you can use: OK, here's the scenario: An earthquake (or fire) strikes, and there's an emergency at your house. You pick up the phone to call 911, but the line is dead. What do you do?

Answer: Run outside and look for the nearest pay phone. Chances are, it'll still be working.

No, this is not a nefarious scheme by Pac Bell to wring your last dime out of you during your direst distress.

"Pay phones and home phones are on two different circuits," explains Adm. John Biftoff, director of San Francisco's Office of Emergency Services. "When a phone circuit goes down, nothing actually breaks. It's just programmed to go down when it hits overload. In an emergency, half the phones are going to be tied up by people calling Aunt Tillie to let her know they're OK. The other half are simply knocked off the hook by all the hubbub. And when a phone is off the hook, it registers as 'in use.' During the Loma Prieta quake, the home phones went down immediately, but the pay phones worked perfectly."

Crime news: have you seen those ads for "The Club"? My friends at the Oakland Police Department tell me the ad campaign has led to a new kind of crime wave: Clubnapping. Yes, the crooks are now stealing The Club.

"They can't saw through it, so they just saw through the steering wheel, instead," says one cop. "Tell your readers there's no such thing as a cheap fix to the crime problem."

Meanwhile, two different groups of Berkeley residents have come up with two different high-tech variations on the neighborhood crime watch.

In west Berkeley, more than 60 businesses have organized a "neighborhood fax watch."

"When somebody broke into the shop, the first thing I did was call the cops," says Cynthia Campbell, owner of Resistance Repair. "The second thing was fax everyone on the network. It's a way of staying one step ahead of the bad guys."

Meanwhile, in south Berkeley, Sue Kaplan is doing something similar with her neighbors. But instead of fax machines, they use voice mail.

"All you need is 10 families," she says. "At that level, it'll cost each family \$2 per month. If you have more people, of course, it's even cheaper. We recommend it to every neighborhood."

Saturday morning treat: Gee, I wish I could be there when my favorite radio show, "West Coast Weekend," returns from vacation to KQED-FM (88.5) tomorrow.

It airs live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a repeat broadcast tomorrow night at 8. But if you really want some fun, do what I do: Attend the live broadcast.

It's like an old-time radio show from the '30s, except everyone wears jeans instead of tuxedos.

It takes place at the old Life On The Water Theater (now renamed the Marina Theater) at Fort Mason. Be sure to pick up some muffins and designer coffee from the Tassajara Bakery right across the way, so you'll have something to munch during the show.

Aside from host Sedge Thomson, house pianist Diane Hidy and "roving painterly eye" Meredith Tromble, the lineup varies wildly from week to week because Thomson books whatever happens to strike his eclectic fancy.

One week, it's author Anne Lamott and the New Century Chamber Orchestra. The next week, it's humorist Ian Shoales and Those Darn Accordions.

Tomorrow, it's Rockappella (the a cappella group that sings the theme song to "Where In The World Is Carmen Sandiego?"), author Jim Paul (who wrote a book describing how he built a full-sized Roman catapult) and a Persian music band called Aldoush and the Human Exchange.

As I said, I wish I could be there. But I'll be in L.A. instead, attending my 30th high school reunion. (Thank goodness I got that last haircut in under the wire before Ed moves to Danville!) I'll let you know what happened next week.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Got a hot tip? Phone Martin at 273-9543, FAX him at 339-4066, or write him at 2936 Domingo, Berkeley 94705.

the assessment. For about \$1 million in lighting and landscaping services, the city has been contributing about \$250,000 in money from the general fund, he said.

Staff did not recommend increasing residents' contribution to the effort, however.

"(Residents) have already been hit several times this year," he said. "The NIDPES (a state program designed to meet federal clean water storm drain requirements) will cost homeowners \$14 this year; (our own) storm drain reconstruction project will cost them \$58."

"We talked about the possibility of an increase months ago, and the City Council directed us not to do it this year. Admittedly, we didn't have all the information in, but this isn't the year for it, not in these difficult economic times."

"It all comes out of the same pocket," he said.

When Councilmember Norma Jellison moved for the \$72 assessment, however, she expressed her disappointment that the staff "each year" does not recommend an increase and spoke strongly in support of Miller's analysis of the situation.

Asked why she herself did not ask for an assessment increase that would better reflect the legitimate costs of services, she said, "There's no support for it on this council."

Councilmember Norman La Force agreed that there was no use in trying, though he is also in favor of a more appropriate assessment.

"There's no point," he said. "The other three council members are against it."

Mayor Mae Ritz and Vice-Mayor Jane Bartke said they were indeed against such an increase. They did not, however, cite the same reasons Pokorny did.

Both said, instead, that they had been against the assessment since 1988 when it was first enacted by the council.

"I was so angry when the council passed it," Ritz said. "I came down and spoke (strongly) against it."

Ritz said that her main objection had been to the lack of community involvement in the decision-making. "It happened so fast, without community input," she said. If the history of the assessment had been different, she added, "Maybe I'd feel differently about it."

Ritz continues, however, in her opposition to the assessment in general and would not support any increase.

While Bartke expressed the same historical opposi-

tion to the assessment, she said she's aware that little money is left to cities that cannot be raided by the state when it wants to increase its own revenue. A landscape and lighting assessment is one of the protected city revenues.

In light of that, said Bartke, "I'm beginning to reassess my way of looking at it as the state keeps taking money away from us," leaving the way open, perhaps, for a future increase.

Councilmember Cathie Kosal, who did not attend the meeting, said later that she would not vote for an increase. Instead, she believes the city should "put more pressure on Sacramento" to make some changes in the situation brought about by Prop. 13. She pointed, for example, to the inequity in property tax payments — next-door neighbors can pay hundreds, even thousands of dollars difference in taxes, she said.

More than that, she believes the current process, wherein "all the money now goes into state coffers and is then rebated back (at the state's will)" is both untenable and not what most supporters of the proposition intended to happen.

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"We can't keep hitting up our residents; cities cannot remedy their funding problems," said Kosal. "It's not time to raise local taxes; it's time to redirect where taxes are going."

Rec fees rise

In the meantime, El Cerrito residents are paying more in fees for recreational programs, childcare and shrinking senior services. As Community Services Manager Joel Witherell pointed out during a budget study session, his own staff has had "a major job in a \$2 million effort to make the (general recreation and childcare) program 100 percent self-supporting," per Miller's analysis.

Witherell and the council agreed the staff had done a fine job in meeting that goal; the budget has moved from 83 percent to 100 percent self-supporting in the past three years.

In order to do that, fees have been increased 5 percent in all programs except childcare, which increased 2.5 percent. A (fee) permit for anyone using the tennis courts is being considered, as is a charge for

City Council use of the community center — like the new pasta dinner being undertaken.

While everyone agrees the staff has sionally in its efforts to creatively challenges, they haven't been rewarded by the city. This is the second year in which there has been no salary increases for employees.

"I'm dismayed at the treatment of staff by the council. "We're not paying them should be paid, and we're expecting more. We cut their pay and say, 'Okay, that's year, give us more.'

Miller, who is a member of the city's recreation commission, said he realized it was probably a necessary one. He told the council, however, to bring more public notice to the efforts of the staff and to make sure the division begins to bring in more than the recovery, it be allowed to keep the extra back into program, rather than being "traded" city for the general fund.

Miller pointed out that a smaller staff can meet higher goals. Specifically, he noted and more overhead costs have been addressed. About one-third of Witherell's assistant's time, for example, is devoted to recreation administration. That amount be recovered in fees, a new city policy.

"In effect, we've been raising the fees," Miller said.

Another concern, raised by Witherell, is that childcare use may have on participation that childcare use has dropped 7 percent in the next planned fee increase, Witherell mostly to economic problems faced by using the centers.

He did say staff is concerned about the affordable but added that El Cerrito's fee and programming are things people are willing to pay their fair share" for.

Miller expressed his concern as well as for the first year, the commission should make solid figures available to gauge dropping as recreation fees rise, though difficult to determine what general economy come into play.

Councilmember La Force has raised concerns about pricing community services of the market.

Graffiti

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Manager Jeff Butler, who had not yet seen the tape, said he expected it would air a couple of times a week for perhaps a month. Showing times will be announced when scheduling is complete.

Deal on paint

Mike and Mary Weiland, owners of the East Bay Paint Center, 450 San Pablo Avenue, are making it easier and cheaper to "bus" graffiti with a low priced paint touch-up kit. The kit includes a quart of custom matched latex exterior paint, a reusable nylon brush, stirring stick and rag for just \$8, about \$5 off regular price.

A person whose building has been hit by graffiti can bring in a chip of paint and it will be matched exactly by computer," Freiberg said. "If the match is really good it is not necessary to paint out a large surface, and so one quart of paint can last a long time."

If the surface is such that a chip is hard to get off the paint can be matched through paint samples at the site. When graffiti is painted out with paint that does not match well vandals often take it as a challenge and hit the same surface again according to Freiberg.

Graffiti busters also stress the importance of removing graffiti promptly when it appears as this discourages the perpetrators who like to see their "tags" stay up. "We will probably never be entirely rid of graffiti," Freiberg said "but we can control it. I think it is really good it is not necessary to paint out a large surface, and so one quart of paint can last a long time."

The Albany Rotary Club is planning to paint the bare wood surfaces on the parcour equipment along BART path. Removal of graffiti from bare wood is difficult requiring the use of caustic paint removers and wire brushes. But once the wood is painted the city's standardized "Chrome Green" available at the East Bay Paint Center, it can be simply painted over.

"We are continuing to pressure BART to assist with graffiti removal from their track structure through town" Freiberg said. "BART has a graffiti task force that is interested in making their Richmond Line a pilot program for graffiti abatement techniques that might be implemented throughout system.

"The proposed work involves painting all columns a standardized concrete grey color which would allow groups such as AGB and the Ohlone Greenway Committee in El Cerrito to remove graffiti more easily and effectively using matching paint rather than paint stripper and wire brushes." A more permanent solution to the problem of keeping the BART columns free of graffiti is to plant shrubs around them to keep vandals away. The idea of growing vines up the columns is also being investigated, according to Freiberg. Some of the columns were covered until the hard freeze two years ago killed the vines.

Water

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clubs and community groups in their search for feed-back.

A bill passed by the state legislature last year created an Eastshore State Park along the bayshore from the Bay Bridge to Albany, appropriated \$40 million from state and local park bond funds for land acquisition and put the East Bay Regional Park district in charge. The committee wants to be "proactive" in making Albany's preferences for the waterfront known well before park plans are set in concrete, according to Foreman.

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File No. 93-2797

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Freeman Ng, 642 Everett St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

This business is conducted by an Individual

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File No. 93-2607

The following person is doing business as Busline Support 21

Micro Support and Repair, 636 South 8th St., Richmond, CA 94802

Onsite Support Inc., 636 South 8th St., Richmond, CA 94802

This business is conducted by a Corporation

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File No. 93-2568

The following person is doing business as One Support 21

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File No. 93-2557

The following person is doing business as More Than A Gardener, 119a Cambridge Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549

Manzano Hernandez, 1199 Cambridge Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-2523

The following person is doing business as Eclipse

Video Productions, 2930 Estates Ave. #1, Pinole, CA 94564

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-2523

The following person is doing business as Wing

Wing Trading Company, 652-42nd St., Richmond, CA 94802

Wing Yu Wong, 652 42nd St., Richmond, CA 94802

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 93-2513

The following person is doing business as Park

Place Mortgage, Park Place Financial, 113 Mission Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556

Henry J. Gannett, 113 Mission Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556

Jean Gannett, 113 Mission Terrace, Moraga, CA 94556

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In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Season switch

Yo you give a heart, you a brain
you some courage. As for you,
your cleats together and slide
is saying, "There's no place
home."

As the Wizard of Odds, I decree
following for my subjects (those
dictated to reading my column
a week). To you Berkeley a new
field, approved by the Ber-
keley Unified School District
members, who read my column and
say, "Yes, we can make our minds
fast and give the school what it
wants."

The new field comes with new
for the Yellowjackets, start-
with the football team that is
already working out for the fall.
Our teams such as soccer and
hockey may benefit as well,
regardless of who gets to use
field the most it is a step in the
direction for the city.

Now I must bestow upon you a
grant of my own wishes, which
make tying up some loose ends
can make a clean break with the
school season and move into
summer of fun.

Responding to a letter regarding
a badminton story from Sue
Wells of Albany, who called me
an unintentional subdivision of
Weller family based on the dif-
ference between biological children
of foster or adopted children, I
say for my mistake.

Douglas said she is the "real"
of two adopted children and
definitely considers them to be
own." I stand corrected as I
all 30 Weller children are
adolescents.

Douglas also wanted to know
Berkeley gets more emphasis
in the Journal sports section. The
Stanley Voice and The Journal
(Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington)
the same sports section in
several papers. I must alternate
through the schools, trying to give
Berkeley, St. Mary's, El Cerrito
and Albany equal coverage. High
school teams gather our
attention and we try to get as
many of the other teams in as well.
I appreciate the letters. This is a
community newspaper and it
belongs to you. We in the sports sec-
tion are open to suggestions and
complaints. There's a lot that hap-
pens out there and sometimes we
do things. Keep us informed by
writing or calling (528-8856) and
we do what we can.

A lot of you wondered what is
happening with the revolving
writers at this paper. Craig
Wiens-Pinley, our resident base-
ball expert, was off to celebrate the
wedding of the Grand Canyon and
is back.

Scott Kaplan, who wrote last
week's Albany girls' softball story
had his name inadvertently slip
onto the cutting room floor, de-
merits his credit for his work,
says Scott.

Niall Adler is providing the
Albany Little League coverage and
Porter injects his wit and wis-
dom into the written report of Albany-
Berkeley girls' softball team.
This is an arduous task and
I deserve public thanks, so I'm
going to it to them.

Finally I must supply the big-
gest of Bronx cheers for the CIF
track officials who cancelled
meet because of "rain." I realize
rain in June in Southern Cal is
usual, but the CIF's lack of pro-
fessionalism calls for some ques-
tions about their authority to gov-

Even Berkeley makes rational
decision compared to the state.
And back to Berkeley, three
years for the BUSD. Specs for the
field are being done at this
point and bids for the general
contractor and faux turf people will
be hopefully by the end of Septem-
ber. The Yellowjackets will have a



Top right: Shirley Lam bowls. Lower right:
Marge Bodah signals
the scores to the
other players. The
Berkeley Lawn Bow-
ling Club offers lessons
to those interested in
the sport.

The leisurely life of lawn bowling

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

Like green grass? Enjoy a
quiet morning with friends?
Want a cheap date or a great
place to take part in sport without
having to take apart your
body?

A feasible answer to all three
questions is a game of lawn
bowling and lawn bowling is
available right around the corner
from the heart of Berkeley, on
the corner of Acton and Bancroft
(2270 Acton, to be exact).

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling
Club is nestled in the midst of a
residential area. But the well-
manicured greens, blue-and-
gold metal benches, colorful
flower garden and ivy-covered
fences make the place distinctive
from the area it's located in.
Actually, the sport itself has a
few interesting distinctives of

its own.

Lawn bowling has been around
for 5,000 years ago, played by royalty
in Egypt, and then moving to
Greece and Rome. The game seems
to combine many elements of other
sports, but while the sport hasn't
caught on in the United States, it is
estimated that over a million people
in the world play the game regularly
(mostly in the British Isles, Australia,
New Zealand and South Africa).

The sport of lawn bowling
emerged in the United States in
1903 at the Oakland Scottish Lawn
Bowling Club. From there, it
evolved in Northern California with
four clubs combining for its own
association in 1921. Currently, the
Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club can
be joined for a mere \$10 member-
ship fee during the first year one
plays. After that, one pays \$75 dues
for each succeeding year.

Like regular bowling alleys, the
type of green surface can affect
play, causing the sphere (called the
"bowl") to curve, more or less. Like
horseshoes, the goal is to get closest
to the central object of focus, in
this case a small white ball called a
"jack." Like in professional golf
and tennis, silence is golden, the
goal being to give each player optimum
chances for success in a sport
that requires more technique than
strength.

"It's more exciting and com-
petitive than it looks," said Myra
Baylor, a coach for the club. "But it's a
polite game; no one will bother
you when you bowl."

I arrived on a Wednesday
morning for a lesson given by coach
Myra. She gives lessons generally
on Wednesdays and Saturdays from
10 a.m. until noon. Two others,
Anna and Jean, were with me to
receive Myra's instructions on the

square-shaped rink.

Normally, players will wear all-
white attire for competition, but
with my collared short-sleeve shirt,
shorts, and baseball cap, I was
readied for play by the coach. I was
fitted with a three-pound bowl that
had a zebra on each side of the
sphere, distinctive from Anna and
Jean's lighter and smaller bowls.

We walked onto the green and
coach Myra demonstrated the
proper form for bowling. She leaned
way down to throw the bowl,
keeping feet together and altering
her foot position depending on
whether she wanted to curve the
bowl right or left. For her
righthanded roll, a normal curve
would be called a "forehand" while
her "backhand" roll might resemble
what a screwball does for a baseball
pitcher. In either toss, her hand
remained straight as she flung the

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Track meet cancellation riles coaches, athletes

Mere threat of rain led to the official decision

By Peter Mentor

It could go down as the greatest
high school track meet that never
happened.

The CIF State Track and Field
Championships, regarded as a
showcase for some of the best track
athletes in the United States, left
the state finalists high and dry when
the meet finals were cancelled on
account of "rain."

Standing under clear skies and
pleasant conditions at the gates of
Cerritos College in Norwalk the
afternoon of the finals, a large group
of stunned athletes and coaches
were met by callous security guards
and told to go home.

The finals were scheduled to
begin at 3 p.m., the running events
at 4 p.m. and the meet was "offi-
cially" called off at 2:30 p.m. in a
written announcement by CIF
commissioner Thomas E. Byrne,

but coaches and athletes arriving
earlier in the day know better after
being turned away before then. The
rain had stopped before that time,
leaving everyone not involved in
the decision wondering why it had
been made.

"I summed it up today, they're

not kids, they're numbers," said
Berkeley head coach Bobby Pope.
"They made that decision in total
indifference. I don't think anyone's feelings or emotions
came into play. I don't know how
to run a dual meet and even I
know how to push a broom (if the

track was wet). I was disappointed
that they made the decision. They
could have waited up to the last
moment. It didn't rain after 2
o'clock."

St. Mary's head coach Jay
Lawson, who has run some of the
bigger meets in this area, was

shocked that the CIF had no contin-
gency plan for rain and no idea the
track protocol for bad weather.

"It seemed pretty ridiculous,"
said Lawson. "It rained hard all
Saturday morning, but it stopped
raining at 2 o'clock and it never
rained again. The running events
didn't even start until 4 (p.m.). They
could have postponed it, pushed
things back. It was cancelled during
the war (World War II), but a
little rain, come on that's ridiculous."
They had no contingency plan, no
game plan to go through to take
these steps if it does rain."

This was the first time since
World War II the state meet was
cancelled for any reason. A new
war has just begun for the coaches
and athletes who want restitution
for money spent on accommoda-
tions, meals and in some instances
travel fees lost because of the can-
cellation.

"We'll ask for money for the
accommodations and the meals,"
said Pope. "Our school really
stepped up funding for the meet.
Our athletic director Lloyd Higgins

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State competition ends at trials

By Peter Mentor

A state of suspended animation
created by the rain-cancelled
CIF State Track and Field
championships left qualifying
athletes in limbo with trials times
and places that may not represent
what they could have done in the
finals, but for others the meet
was over after the trials Friday.

For those who made the grade
in the trials it was sheer dis-
appointment and anger after a year
of training to be denied the
chance to compete. And even
those athletes who didn't make
the finals were left without the

full experience of seeing what could
have been the best meet in state
history.

"It's like a book that just ended
without a final chapter," said Ber-
keley head coach Bobby Pope.
"There were so many small sub-
plots there. It was an experience
everyone was denied."

St. Mary's, Berkeley and El
Cerrito had athletes competing in
the state trials, but only the St.
Mary's 4x400 relay team and Ber-
keley junior Jenny Berrien in the
400-meter race reached the finals.

The Panther foursome of Rod
Branch, Doug Boyd, Jonevan
Hornsby and Marlon Monroe

qualified in eighth place overall
at 3:19.58 after finishing third in
their heat of the mile relay.
Branch will not be back, but St.
Mary's head coach Jay Lawson
was excited about the prospects
of next year.

"Rod's the only senior on that
team," said Lawson. "He ran a
51.6 split even with his hurt leg.
We had a sub ready to run for
him in the final if he couldn't
run. We thought we could run a
3:18-something in the finals.
We're also looking at next year's
team. We're excited about it."

Berrien was the only Berke-
ley

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Major league All-star team assembled; minors set to finish up the season

By Niall Adler

The major league season is for
the most part over and the All-star
team has been assembled, while
the minor division is waiting for
another week to make up rained out
games and to finish off their sea-
son.

MAJOR DIVISION

The All-star team will consist of
14 players and two alternates. Nick
DiConstanzo, Todd Eagle, Mike
Seltzer and alternate is Joel Hooper
are from the league leading Giants
who have the most players repre-
sented.

The Cubs have Tom Nilles, Mark
Spear and the other alternate is Steve
Rice representing them. Other
players making the squad are Jon

Ball and Ted Peterson from the
Braves, Tony Barbero and Nano
Carriero from the Pirates, Chris
Gunderson and Kareem Chadley
from the Dodgers, Mike Drapau
from the White Sox, Dan Rabins
from the Athletics and Casey Jack-
son from the Cardinals.

The playoffs: two teams, one
title. The Braves (16-4) versus the
Giants (20-0), this is the Battle of
the Titans part II. In one corner, the
Braves led by the awesome home
run capability of Ball, Peterson and
David Avila, all wanting revenge for an earlier nine
inning marathon loss to the Giants, the Champ.

MINOR DIVISION

The Tigers (3-3) lost to the Twins
7-2 but one bad inning set the stage
for the loss. Scott Nelson and
Cameron Adams pitched well in
the defeat, while Maurice Delmer
kept making spectacular "Barry
Bonds" type catches in the outfield
and Tate Castro made first baseman
around the league proud.

Tal Levine was an excellent
receiver and asked base runners to
think twice before running on him.

The Angels (5-1) had to forfeit
the game that would have to be decided
the first half winner because of
league complications, and the
Rangers won the first half because
of it. Zack Morfin, Nick Calcott,
Nat Cohen, Jesse Dudas and Michael
Estis have all pitched well for the
Angels.

Sam Ferguson has begun to hit
the cover off of the ball and is
making sure the Halos keep play-
ing well.

The Senators (4-1) have three
bona fide clutch hitters in the lineup
with Rafael Volz, Joel Orkin-
Ramey and Matthew Semans. They
have pulled off two straight wins
versus the Angels and Rangers and

are hoping their good fortunes con-
tinue into the final week of the
season.

The Orioles (1-6) are having fun
and making sure their record does
not discourage them from becoming
more versatile players. Wait until
next year, when this young team
makes their move.

Chris Alfert, Charlie Murphey
and Sam Barkin have bats that are
alive and waiting to scorch the tiny
leather white object called a base-
ball. Kyle Low, Alex Shakiba, Ian
Williams and Sean Ayers not only hit
well but play solid defense.

The Red Sox (4-3) have the
pitching of champions with Mike
Bevery, Chris Colvin, Paul Taylor
and Oscar Whelan on the hill. David
Waugh, Isaac Hanson-Joseph, Sean
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Trials

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ley athlete in the finals, but she represented a source of hope for the team. Named Berkeley's Most Valuable Player for the girls' team this season, Berrien's teammates and coaches were looking forward to seeing her race in the finals.

"Jenny came a long way this year," said Pope. "We wanted to have someone in the top five. It was an experience that was denied. It was such a low point to end the year on. She ran a 14.9 in the trials. She can run better than that. It's a matter of developing more speed. She has the perfect attitude and work ethic."

Berkeley junior Curry Green was named MVP for the boys' team. This season he ran the 200, 400 and relays for the Yellowjackets, including running on the 4x400 relay team with Nate Burks, Wmnyimku Remo and Gideon Foster that placed 11th in 3:22.27 at the trials, missing the finals by two places. El Cerrito finished behind Berkeley in 12th at the mile relay trials in 3:31.87.

The Bay Area had a large contingency in the 400 trials, but mostly came away with disappointment. James Logan senior John Lockard (at 48.33 for sixth place) was the only one of five area athletes to make the finals.

League

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McKay and home run hitting Seth Shonkoff are boosting their own batting averages and opposing ERA's.

Newcomers Bret Cohen and Robert Ladesma are proving to be a great addition after being drafted from AA. Anjelica Romero, Marcus Toriumi and Peter Waugh are exceptionally good in everything on the field.

The Yankees (5-2) won the first half and are destroying every team in their path on the way to the playoffs.

But because of rainouts, a round-robin playoff will be held and the winner will win the league.

In a 14-0 ambush of the Twins, everyone hit, including Dustin

El Cerrito senior Laivian Coleman finished in 49.79 and placed 11th, followed by St. Mary junior Doug Boyd (50.29) and Skyline sophomore Derrick Gardner at 55.26.

St. Mary's sophomore Marlon Monroe made the trials, but did not finish the race.

The 800 had a grouping of Bay Area runners just missing the finals including St. Mary's sophomore Jonevan Hornsby in 1:56.92, O'Dowd senior Colin Dean in 1:56.94, Piedmont senior Josh Rogin in 1:58.86 and Mark Gladney of Oakland High in 2:13.55.

In the 110 high hurdles, St. Mary's junior Anthony Montgomery and senior Brandon Cobey placed 13th and 16th, respectively. Montgomery ran a personal best 14.84, while Cobey went 14.90. Cobey also ran a 39.22 in the 300 intermediate hurdles trials.

St. Mary's weight man Ishan Warren placed 11th in both the shot 51-5 1/2) and discus (158-5) and Rah-mu Brown jumped 43-11 1/2 in the triple jump. Berkeley's Nicole Brooks went 37-7 in the shot, which was a disappointment for the junior after having broken and set the school record twice during the regular season at 41-7.

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did a great job. We were coming home that day anyway, but they should give us money for the wasted day spent on the hotel."

Bishop O'Dowd head coach Tony Green, who has organized meets with Lawson, said the meet finals were called off before 2:30 and he wasn't pleased with the way the athletes and coaches were treated.

"The L.A. paper said the decision (to cancel the meet) came at 2:30, but that's not true at all," said Green. "That's just an outright, bold-faced lie. We got there two and a half hours before the meet was scheduled to start to set up. We were met by the security guards out front who said the race was canceled. They were cold-hearted about it."

Green, like most of the other coaches and athletes, was furious with the decision. He said Byrne and the CIF did not consult the coaches in any type of meeting and pointed out that meet directors usually wait until the last minute before a meet is canceled in case the weather conditions improve and even then meets are usually held in the rain.

"You wait until the meet is about

to start," said Green. "The coaches are no fools. All meets are run in the rain. To have some guy who probably never coached in his life wipe it away: (Byrne) had some advisors, but you don't make that decision when he did. It hadn't been raining for two and a half hours by the time of the meet. He didn't even come out and tell us himself."

The CIF issued a written statement to athletes and coaches outside the gate citing the poor weather conditions as the reason to cancel the meet and informing those concerned that the meet would not be postponed or rescheduled.

"They didn't even contact us," said Lawson. "We just heard everything from the grapevine. This was an all-weather track. It never entered our minds that they would cancel a meet ever. They blew it big time. I was thinking about the seniors and people who have scholarships riding on the finals. For North Salinas this was their best shot at winning a state championship ever in their history. You can't replace that."

The CIF announcement also said a decision on what to do with the medals for the top six places would be made at a CIF meeting this week,

which did not make anyone happy.

"They were talking about what they were going to do with the medals," said Lawson in disbelief. "The athletes don't care about the medals. They don't go around showing off their medals, they just want to run the race. (The CIF) is missing the point."

Green echoed that sentiment, saying anything the CIF sends to O'Dowd would be sent back.

"They are going to decide by committee," said Green of the medals. "That's absurd. It's insulting. I'm sure none of the coaches will accept it. If we get one we'll wrap it up and send it back. I'm telling all the coaches to talk to their section commissioners. I don't even feel like coaching anymore. It seems like the whole year was wasted. I feel like typing up my letter of resignation."

Green and his team have a lot to lose in this meet. O'Dowd had nine

qualifiers entering the Dragon girls, at winning the state title. The Dragons were fourth in those races to second team title.

"We had a huge advantage winning the state title. We had more anyone else. It was a very close race. It's really that needs to be added."

St. Mary's and Bishop O'Dowd had athletes qualify for the

The Panthers had a 4x400 relay team of Doug, junior Doug, junior Doug, and seniors Jonevan Hornsby, Monique, and Monique.

Berkeley junior Jonevan Hornsby was eighth overall in the dash trials in 14.90, and only Yellowjacket at the finals.

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Bowling

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bowl. Only the way the bowl was positioned in her hand differed.

My first roll was a strike ... no, it was something else. I hit the small white jack and the jack bounced off the playing area, an event called "burning the end."

I didn't get points for this, however.

The ball was replaced in the playing area and we rolled again. Eventually, Myra rolled her third bowl (out of four) nearest to the jack and got the point.

Depending on how many bowls you or your partner (in pairs competition) roll, you get a point for each bowl closest to the jack.

On our second round, Myra got all four points, rolling all of her jacks near the jack while I 'hit the jack,' sending the white ball 10 feet right, then tossed one bowl out of bounds and sent another far left of the target.

Obviously, this game would take some time to master. Myra had been playing since 1985.

Part of the strategy of lawn bowling involved throwing the jack. For some, a long toss of the bowl is difficult while others specialize in it.

Those who win the previous round get to roll the jack into play for the next round, meaning that the winner controls how long or short one has to roll the bowl (a little larger than a 12-inch softball) for the round.

After an hour of play, I left, promising myself that I'd bring friends and my wife for a round (after coming myself to practice first).

The Berkeley Lawn Bowling Club is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Special parties are often given on the last Friday of the month and the club regularly has members enjoying each other's company in the indoor facilities.

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SHARE competent, loving babysitter with our amiable 8 month old son. Tuesday-Friday 530-2129

NORTH Berkeley/ Albany child to share childcare with our 3½ year old son. Approximately 12-32 hours weekly. Superb babysitter. Please call Marianne (415) 554-4263 days, or (510) 525-5433 evenings

SHARE our wonderful, competent and caring Nanny with our 2 year old daughter Full-time. Upper Rockridge. Montclair area. Call, 654-6766

405 Childcare - Licensed

OVER The Rainbow Daycare. Warm, stimulating environment, preschool activities. License #010208900. Montclair, Deborah Yugo 339-2066

CHILD CARE in Skyline area. 21 months and older. Outside activities. License #010206795. BABY Blues Daycare. 0-12 months 2 openings available. License #010605500 Jill, 530-1501/ Laura, 531-9365

406 Babysitters & Au Pairs

International Live-In Helpers
From Russia with love, mature and experienced family helpers for childcare, cooking, housekeeping, English. English speaking, California license, college educated, carefully screened, legal status. Special skills such as teaching and nursing available. International exchange program (510) 428-1232

Nannies Babysitters Au Pairs

We carefully screen candidates to your specifications. Complete background information provided. Interviews, trial periods encouraged. Live-in, out-call. NannyCare USA (510) 428-0440

IRISH and New Zealand nannies. Legal. Excellent references. College graduates. Live in our out (510) 428-0440

CHILD CARE: Irish female student with extensive experience available for live in summer employment. References 510-658-4326

CERTIFIED Babysitter/ mother seeks full-time childcare position. Speaks English. No car 465-6289

BABYSITTER or housekeeper. First aid/ CPR, California Driver License 415-584-9135

EXPERIENCED, reliable, loving Psychology Graduate student will do childcare, light housekeeping, run errands. Victoria, 531-5289

LOVING, experienced, energetic, non-smoking Nanny wants full-time childcare position, infants preferred. Infant CPR, car. Excellent English Available now. Evenings, 530-8175

LOVING and experienced nanny/ student seeking position with fun-loving family, 35-40 hours. Car and references. Infants preferred. USA 521-0343

AU PAIR available. Japanese female, 4 hours a day, 5 days a week in exchange for room and board. 415-399-9336

ENGLISH nanny loves children, for part-time live-out position, 6 years experience, legal with excellent references. Own car. 832-4316

EXPERIENCED Teacher looking for private day time child care position for summer. Grace, 839-5155

RELIABLE, gentle babysitter. Excellent references. Available 35-40 hours. Car, non-smoker. Please call Penny, 659-9178

NANNY in Albany. Loving home, clean, safe. Hours open. References. Please call Holly, 528-8348

407 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 402.

A CARING CONNECTION
Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

LOOKING for a position in homecare. Monday/Friday afternoon, evenings, and overnight. Excellent References Charlotte Green 658-4283

408 Employment Exchange

EUROPEAN Woman 50, professional, employed, reliable, seeks private room and bath with free or low rent in exchange for help. References car. Nonsmoker. Evenings, 601-1483

BEAUTIFUL upper Rockridge, furnished and equipped studio apartment offered in exchange for 20 hours light housekeeping and childcare weekly. 652-6620

RESPONSIBLE student will exchange cooking/cleaning for room. Prefer Christian family. Excellent local references. 849-1962

409 Work Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

PERSONAL Assistant available. Pay negotiable. Gourmet cook, computer, office skills, errands, miscellaneous tasks, references 704-0615

HOUSEKEEPER. Live-in. Warm, intelligent woman, mature, responsible, optimistic. References, California Drivers License. Great life 843-9930

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Financial**502 Business Opportunities**

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

PROFESSIONAL working couple seeks mature, loving, experienced Nanny for 18 month old son. Piedmont location. Duties include: childcare and housekeeping. Must have car, excellent references. Beginning late June. 510-933-9100

CHILD CARE part-time, 2 children, 2 and 6. Own car, near Piedmont. Call Holly, 272-9350, after 7:00 or weekends

CHILD CARE/ light housekeeping. Kerrington 20+ hours. Non-smoking, tidy, English speaker References Call 7/ hour 524-7030

BABYSITTER, Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for 6 month old boy, June 22 through August. Own transportation, English speaking, reliable and loving. \$30-5710

SUMMER or Permanent job Childcare for two girls, 5 years old. Light housekeeping. Monday-Friday, 1- 6 p.m. Must have car, references, speak English. 763-0649

NANNIES HELP! Lots of jobs. Experienced, references, car required. No fee. 933-2273
Be Our Care Agency

CHILD CARE in Piedmont home for 7 year old girl and 10 year old boy from mid June-August, 3 days per week. Non-smoker, references 834-6405

505 Money To Loan

10.5% QUICK private real estate loans; no qualifying, 65% loan to value 215-0566

For Sale**601 Antiques & Art**

PAINTING sculpture, 3' x 4', nature scene/ black lacquer. Value- \$4,000, sale- \$695 530-3475, 624-2496

LIFETIME collection of Persian and Oriental rugs Must sell, beautiful bargains. 415-927-7868

602 Appliances

WASHERS and dryers Kenmore-Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Deivery available. 548-4419 anytime

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?
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605 Home Furnishings

MINI-BLINDS

Discount prices on custom Sunflex mini-blinds and Louverdrape pleated shades. Draperies. Free. Free estimates and installation. Marsh Interiors. 569-7540.

MATTRESS Sets, Twin, \$89 Full, \$109 Queen, \$159 Sofa-bed, \$299 Sofa with loveseat, \$399 Birkenbeds, \$228 Chest-beds, bedroom sets, rollaways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic 444-1990

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395 886-8127

BEDROOM set dark oak, 2 end tables, 2 dressers/ mirror, queen headboard \$500 339-0659, Catherine

BEDROOM set, 5 piece; full bed, 2 dressers-cherry. Antique replicas \$600- best offer 655-3038

DANISH modern table, 55" diameter, drop leaf, \$125 655-2683 evenings; 642-2841, days

DINING table (plate), coffee and end tables (cherry wood), 2 Fisher speakers. Price: negotiable 499-2440

ANTIQUE reproductions/ mahogany high boy, desk, Queen Anne chair, headboard, hall tree

MARSH Interiors 351-2315

FIVE piece queen bed set, modern, ivory lacquer. Modern, tall entertainment cabinet, beige laminated 540-4115

KING mattress set, Beautyrest, extra firm, excellent condition. Includes frame and bedding. \$350 482-1986

ESTATE SALE

18th and 19th Century furniture, American Indian photos, Ima, Beautiful Oriental and Persian rugs, \$500 and up or best offer. 415-898-4946

ANTIQUE English Oak Sideboard, Antique Oak washstand, oak coffee table, bookshelves, miscellaneous. 531-5430

SOFA, black parachute cloth, down and feather pillows, 8 feet. Must sell \$325 937-9894 days

SOFAS One 6' Velvet/ One 7' Velvet- both chocolate brown like new. Each \$100 601-0494

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606 Miscellaneous For Sale

BERKELEY City Club memberships available Pool, fitness center, dining 848-7800

BAHAMA CRUISE
5 days/ 4 nights. Underbooked, must sell. Limited tickets, \$279 per couple 401-331-7818, ext 607, Monday-Saturday

BRIDAL Gown. Handmade. \$3000+ Value. Exquisite satin, lace, bead. Straight cut. Small/Medium 37-32-46

PIEMONTE Swim Club membership for sale \$1,800 plus annual membership fees 655-9007

CRIB, Simmons, oak, excellent condition, \$175

GRADUATION Gift: 1 karat fine Sapphire ring, \$785, Star Sapphire ring. \$275-339-2739

OAKLAND Hills Tennis club Fitness/ Swim membership. Call Hal or Flora, 531-4461. Leave message

AIRLINE Ticket to Denver, June 16 a.m. - \$115

Daytime ask for Larry, 510-430-8200

PIEMONTE Swim Club membership for sale \$1900. 204-1501 days: 652-3126 evenings

BABY EQUIPMENT SALE

205 ASILOMAR Montclair Saturday 12th, 10-4. Crib, stroller, high chair, cradle, Snugli, toys, much more!

ARE you stressed? Tired? Need ENERGY? Call for details on a unique herbal food supplement 568-3224 or 834-6405

CRIB, Childcraft, like new, with mattress, \$240

Oven range, 40" electric. Fridge/reef. deluxe, \$130

832-0213

OAKLAND Hills swim, Tennis and Fitness Family Membership- \$800. 531-2671

PIEMONTE Swim Club membership \$2000 Dues paid until June 1, 1994. 654-3949

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near Grand Lake Theater, hardwood floors, laundry facilities and cable ready. Laundry facilities and cable ready. \$150. Short walk to Grand Avenue. Call John 639-0377

ONE bedroom, 200 3rd St., Includes \$100. garage, lower unit in fourplex

QUIET/QUALITY
quiet bedroom in smaller quality building, elevator, garage, laundry, 832-5128

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ADAMS POINT AREA
units available in this QUIET, WELL BUILT building. Cable TV hook-up, utilities, NETS, PETS. 356 Jayne (Perkins) 485-3070

725 Large 1 bedroom in secured well building, laundry, new carpet, drapes, Adams Point, near transportation, 338-8366; 835-8089; 268-8955

725 ONE bedroom, Sunny, spacious elegantly building. Beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, 839-9939

725 PRINCE 1 bedroom, upper unit 4-plex, carpet, washer/dryer, garage. Near Lake Theatres. 415-5005-6823

725 up Adams Point 1 bedroom, carpet, very clean. Call Heath at 893-1100

725 Laurel District Large 1 bedroom Fourplex fully carpeted, part utilities, transportation 486-8114

725 Large, quiet, close to buses, shop, floor. Nice building. 330-4483

725 Laurel District on Maybelle Large, sunny rooms, deck, dishwasher, parking. Call 839-9990

725 Bedroom Garden unit, cozy, great, easy convenient parking. Sunny Appliances 375-7000

725 bedroom, laundry, off-street parking, extra floors, appliances, 653-2755

725 AY, bedroom, hardwood floors, security on Grand Ave. Utilities included \$430. Call 832-3687

OFF LAKESHORE

Waterfront, Hilltop views, pool, sunroom and large

725 PIEDMONT border, sunny spacious 1 bedroom, large deck, well managed, convenient transportation 428-1242

725 area, view, charming security building, no pets. 783-6431

725 bedroom, carpets, drapes, electric kit, year, near Piedmont Avenue. 550 Fair- 633-4515

725 BEAUTIFUL view

spacious kitchen, balcony. Near

725 601-1919

725 NEAR Piedmont, 1 bedroom, hard floors, parking, coin laundry. Agent 839-9378

725 AND NEAR Lake/financial area, large 1 bedrooms, wall-to-wall carpet, drapes, freshly painted, AEK, laundry, garage Immaculate 832-1888

725 BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom Landmark Art Deco building, hardwoods, Levators, decorative fireplace, dining area. Water, garbage heat paid. Laundry, elevator, great location, easy commute 272-9664

725 CATS encouraged. Fully remodeled, near Echo Park, Piedmont Ave. 3408 Richmond Blvd

Penthouses also available. Call Richard 763-6360

725 LOWER unit, duplex, extra large, kitchen, good, easy, near transportation First, last, deposit 521-8358

725 NEAR Piedmont Extra large 1 bedroom in luxurious building on third floor. Garage parking available 654-4490

725 OFF Piedmont Ave. Quiet secure building, large closets. Carpentry, Laundry room No pets 428-4913

725 ONE bedroom, top floor condo Carpets, AEK, dishwasher, pantry, closets, washer/dryer, garage 832-1888

725 ONE bedroom in beautiful restored turn of the century building. charming garden, large, angular hardwood floors and wood-work. French doors, security, owner lives at premises, convenient transportation, a quiet home to be proud of. Available now 465-0182

725 ONE bedroom, Adams Point, quiet upscale building, 469 Van Buren By appointment. WMC 893-9378

725 GLENVIEW, spacious, ground level, sufficient garage, laundry. Good North Oak location near 51st, 1580-24. Desire quiet, non-smoker. One cat possible. Call 832-6847

725 COLLEGE/Alcatraz, 1 bedroom, great hood, 14 unit building, laundry 83-646

725 GLENVIEW floors, drapes, AEK, near San Jose as stop and freeways, 2 blocks to Cal Ave 852-0306

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, gas range, closet of space, view of Lake Merritt 833-8905

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom near Lake Merritt, large 1 bedrooms, elevator, wall-to-wall, garage 420 Belvoir

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, Santa Clara/ Grand Lake Security building, parking, elevator, New drapes, generous closets. Deposit

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom. Clean, quiet building, 111 location Walk Kaiser Center, down 2nd Street 258-8303

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, clean, quiet, sunny patio, laundry, storage, for non-smoker, no pets. 830-2824

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom. Less than \$400 move in fee. Studio, spectacular view, 2 blocks apart. \$495 268-9155; 268-3610; 832-1872

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, upper, new. Available. \$495 41st St 658-1782

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom. Spacious, sunny, parking, separate laundry. Quiet building. 844-6685

725 GLENVIEW Point Condo. 1 bedroom, quiet, first and deposit. \$600 268-3758

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom with parking. Quiet, clean, near Rose Garden; first month and deposit

OPEN HOUSE 10-4, SATURDAY

Adams Ave 105, Oakland 674-9941

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom in Rockridge, quiet building, parking, near BART. 655-0274

725 GLENVIEW Snake Road. Furnished bed, private home. Private bath. Sun porch. View. (510)339-1019

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom with parking. Hanover Lake 834-3940, studio, Portland China Hill 834-1994

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, electric kitchen, water and waste included. No pets. Stan 839-5984

725 GLENVIEW Adams Point condominium, 2 bedrooms, parking, very nice security building. 534-3218

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom, new carpet/paint, transportation. 5385 Broadway, apartment

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\$1254 TOWNHOUSE Bay view, fireplace, washer/dryer, refrigerator. 1500 sq. ft. Secure, gated community. 720-7676

\$1295 VICTORIAN 4 bedroom, 2 bath flat off Piedmont Ave. Hardwood, parking, laundry, sun porch. 654-6588

\$1360 PENTHOUSE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, balcony and patio. 2 car parking. Near Lake on Grand. Good neighbors. Manager 835-4588

\$1375 ROCKRIDGE on Miles, new 3 bedroom flat. 2 baths, dishwasher, garage and parking space. Large deck. Washer/dryer. 658-9990

\$1425 THREE bedroom, 2 bath flat, gourmet kitchen, designer bathrooms, fireplace, deck, views, parking. 841-4141

\$1475 ROCKRIDGE charming 4 bedroom, 1/2 bath flat in older fixture. Large light rooms, view, laundry, quiet. July 1st 653-3925

\$1500 CHINA HILL Spacious sunny flat, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, fireplace, 614 Alma Ave. 869-4242

\$1800 TOTAL luxury! Over 2000 square feet with panoramic lake view. Formal dining, fireplace, soaring ceilings, parquet floors. 3rd bedroom or ideal sitting room. Mary. 530-7005

\$1975 LUXURY Penthouse, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3000+ sq. ft., fireplace, formal dining, lanai, panoramic view of Oakland and SF, 3 balconies, laundry hook-up, large pantry, hardwood floors, security building, garage. Near Piedmont. Available June 10 652-5299

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731 Alameda

\$950 CARRIAGE House, circa 1891. Newly and lovingly restored. 2 story, large garden setting. Gas log fireplace, extra large closets. Walk-in closet. In bed room, extra room, wonderful walk-in closet. Eat-in gourmet kitchen. Dishwasher, washer/dryer. Deposit \$22-8074 (Agent, no fee)

735 Lamorinda & East

\$700 ORINDA 1 bedroom cottage, quiet, bright, suitable for one, no smokers, pets. Ron 510-547-7177

736 Oakland Piedmont & South

\$550 SUNNY 1 bedroom cottage near Laurel district. Large yard, nice neighbors. Utilities paid. 536-8732

\$650 \$150 COTTAGE AND 2 bedroom apartment in convenient Rockridge area close to shopping and BART. 526-3512

\$675 NORTH Oakland near Rockridge in charming wooded setting, fireplace, hardwood floors, big closets. 526-0845

\$695 SUNNY cottage near Mormon Temple. 1 bedroom, deck. First/last/ deposit. No pets. 482-1829

\$700 TWO bedroom cottage. Dimond District (Fruitvale and MacArthur). Hardwood floors, off-street parking. 510-261-1988

\$785 NEAR Piedmont, large 1 bedroom cottage, dining room, fireplace, washer, dryer. 510-652-9245

\$825 UTILITIES included, charming garden cottage. 1/2 bedroom, 2 baths, 2 story, 1100 sq. ft. Rose Garden neighborhood. 655-8601

\$850 ROCKRIDGE cute private 1 bedroom cottage. Eat-in kitchen, washer, dryer, storage, yard. Safe neighborhood. No pets. 547-0716

\$900 COZY cottage. Charming, 1 plus bedroom, fireplace, bay view, deck, patio, yard, alarm. 531-8462

\$1195 PIEDMONT Cottage, perfect. City view, patio, 1 bedroom, new kitchen, dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, landscaped. 154 Moraga 601-7703

Homes For Rent

745 HOMES FOR RENT
4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

746 Albany & Kensington

\$1125 ALBANY charming old English Tudor style house, 3 bedrooms, 3 levels, oak floors, fireplace, backyard, near Solano shops. 655-1898

\$1150 LARGE 2 bedroom, large yard, laundry hook-ups, garage, nice neighborhood near Solano Ave. 524-8826

\$1500 LOVELY 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Albany home with yard and garage. Fully furnished including linens and China. 730 Santa Fe 528-1901 Monday-Friday 8:30-5

747 Berkeley

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Realtor Profile



Margaret Gadsby

Name: Margaret Gadsby

Title: Real Estate Broker; co-owner of Gadsby & Associates Real Estate, Alameda and Oakland.

Family: Husband and business partner, George; two married sons, Craig and Karl; one granddaughter, Andrianna, in Southern California; a married daughter, Debbie, a Realtor in Seattle; a granddaughter Chloe and great granddaughter, Angelica, in Seattle.

Career: Five years with Dial Finance Co., five years with Security Pacific Bank, 14 years with Home Savings of America as a loan processor and escrow manager. She obtained her real estate sales person license in 1984 and her real estate broker license in 1990.

Margaret started working with George at Alameda Realty in 1984 and in 1986 they created Gadsby

& Associates Real Estate in Alameda. Margaret will complete her GRI courses in June.

She currently sits on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels, the Alameda Girls Club, Rotary Inner Wheel and Alameda Business and Professional Women. Margaret is a firm believer that you should always be giving of your time as well as your money to the community in which you earn your living.

Quotable quote: "When you work in the real estate industry you have an opportunity to impact people in a very positive manner. My goal is to assist people in their quest to achieve the American Dream of home ownership. When my clients complete their transactions it is my intention that they have good feelings toward each other, a better understanding and a better impression of the real estate industry than they had before we started."

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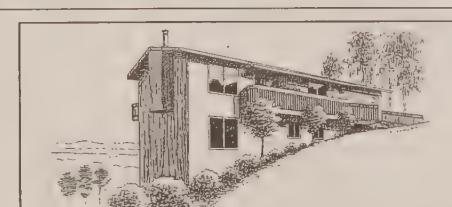
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By Kate Campbell
Special to Hills Newspapers

This is one of a series of profiles of East Bay neighborhoods.

The reasons for buying a house differ from one person to the next. Often it's the need for more space or tax advantages that drive the decision. Sometimes it's the desire to work with the soil and watch a garden flourish. Or it's getting fed up with neighbors tromping over-head.

In the case of Carolyn Pugh, the decision to sell her third-floor condominium in Albany and buy a home in El Cerrito's St. Jerome's neighborhood centered on the

well-being of Misty. That's her shaggy border collie-springer spaniel dog.

"Misty was the driving force for me to buy this house," Pugh says. "After four years of living in a third-floor condo, she needed a back yard. Now that she has one, she's very territorial."

Of course, canine convenience was not the only reason Pugh decided a house and garden in El Cerrito were right for her.

"When my agent showed me this house, she took me to the kitchen first. It has windows on three walls and a great view of the bay. The light is wonderful. She knew I'd fall in love."

"Even though the price was more than I felt I could afford, I

told my agent OK, I Pugh recalls. "Then I was guring out how to get the m Pugh, who works as a ller for a high-tech company in Berkeley, is well versed in the ins and outs of accounting and finance. She put her calc work figuring out how to m purchase.

"The kitchen is my room, but the house was d with light as its top featur

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Legislation designed to help thousands of families buy their first homes in California's more expensive urban areas passed the state Assembly late May by an overwhelming vote, according to the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.).

The legislation, AB 214 and AB 215, was introduced earlier this year by Assembly Speaker Willie L. Brown, Jr., and is sponsored by C.A.R.

AB 214 and AB 215 will establish a state-sponsored mortgage insurance fund called the California Housing Loan Insurance Fund (CaHLIF) to provide mortgage insurance to buyers who use less than 20 percent of a home's purchase price as a downpayment.

"Gov. Pete Wilson has made rapid implementation of Brown's legislation a priority because it will help about 55,000 California families purchase their first homes with low downpayments, and as a result, help improve the state's economy through the creation of an estimated 37,000 jobs."

"Today, thousands of California families are one step closer to buying their first homes because of the Assembly's passage of AB 214 and AB 215," Speaker Brown said.

"During the last several weeks, I have worked toward refining these bills and building bipartisan support for them. I cannot emphasize enough the benefit this legislation will have on California's economy," Speaker Brown said.

C.A.R. officials have been working closely with Speaker Brown for more than a year to create a program to help tackle California's housing affordability crisis by providing vital assistance to first-time homebuyers in the

state's urban areas.

"We applaud Speaker Brown, Gov. Wilson and the Assembly for working together on these critical housing bills, which will help tens of thousands of Californians," said C.A.R. President Walt McDonald.

"In addition to jobs linked directly to housing, every home sale triggers a ripple effect in many areas of the economy —

AB 215 will ask California voters to reauthorize \$185 million in general obligation bonds originally approved in 1982 to assist first-time homebuyers. Proposition 5 authorized \$200 million of bond funding in 1982 to assist first-time homebuyers, but only \$15 million was used.

In general, \$15 of loans can be extended for every \$1 in the insurance fund. Therefore, \$2.8 billion of mortgage financing will be available under the reauthorized Proposition 5 funding.

Under provisions of AB 214 and AB 215, a family in the San Francisco Bay Area could purchase a home costing as much as \$237,337 with a downpayment of \$7,120, according to C.A.R. estimates. The maximum loan amount under CaHLIF in this example would be \$230,217 — or \$78,492 higher than the maximum FHA loan amount of \$151,725 allowed in San Francisco.

In Orange County, a family could purchase a home costing as much as \$213,230 with a downpayment of \$6,397. The maximum CaHLIF loan amount for this example would be \$206,833, or \$55,108 higher than the maximum FHA loan amount.

Additional examples for several other California regions are contained in the accompanying chart.

AB 214 and AB 215 will now be considered in the state Senate. Upon the Governor's signature, AB 214 will immediately become law, and AB 215 will qualify for the June '94 ballot.

—WILLIE BROWN JR.

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

sparking everything from furniture and appliance sales to business for moving companies," said McDonald, a Riverside Realtor.

AB 214 will allow thousands of California families to purchase their first homes with downpayments as low as 3 percent of the purchase price by creating a state-sponsored mortgage insurance.

Currently, many homebuyers are unable to use the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) program because California's urban home prices typically require mortgages that exceed the FHA maximum loan amount of \$151,725.

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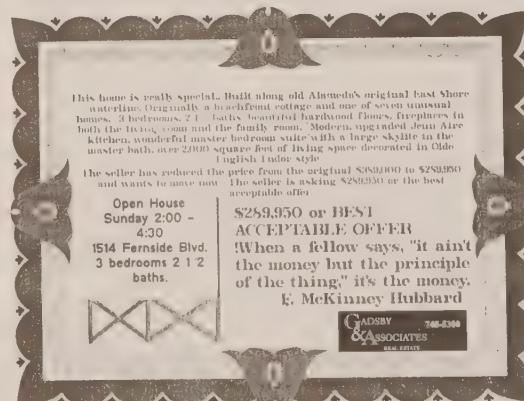
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Events

On Fri., June 11, 8:30 a.m., the Non-Profit Association of Northern California presents "Housing is Economic Development," at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Cost is \$100 for members, \$175 for nonmembers. Call (415) 495-2273 for more information.

Five beautiful Oakland gardens, located mainly in the hills near Knowland Park, will be open for a self-guided tour on Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This second annual tour benefits the installation of a garden at The Center for AIDS Services.

This year's gardens include a prize-winning garden published in national magazines, a garden with an enclosed tropical pool, a garden with whimsical sculpture, one with an Englishwoman's flair with plants, and one whose Koi pool attracts herons.

Tickets at \$20 are available Sunday morning, 9:10:30 a.m. at The Center for AIDS Services, 5720 Shattuck Ave., Oakland. Maps to the gardens will be distributed with tickets.

Call (510) 655-3435 for more information.

The Second Saturday Program at the San Francisco Mart's Kitchen & Bath Center takes place Sat., June 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This free consumer education program focuses on "How to Work with Design Professionals."

Guest speakers will talk beginning at 1 p.m. and address the questions of "How to Work with an Architect" and the necessary

elements for a successful remodeling project. Tours of the Center will allow attendees to view all their kitchen and bath needs under one roof.

The Center is at 1355 Market between 9th and 10th streets. Call (415) 552-2311, ext. 3315 for more information.

A preview exhibit of Pro Arts Open Studio continues through June 23, Tues. through Sun., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pro Arts Gallery, 461 9th St., Old Oakland (near Broadway).

Pro Arts is a non-profit member-supported organization of 490 local artists.

At the preview, visitors will have the opportunity to view works of various artists whom they can later visit at their individual studios during Pro Arts Open Studio weekends June 12 to 13 and June 19 to 20, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 763-4361.

A free workshop by the Alameda County Home Composting Education Program demonstrates how to turn up to half your trash into a valuable soil amendment.

The workshop is Sat., June 12, 10 a.m. to noon at Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building on Bellevue Avenue. For more information, call the "Rotline," 635-6275.

On Wed., June 16, 7:30 p.m., the International Capital Group presents Adiel Gorel who will talk

about buying excellent leveraged real estate in the right markets for the busy professional.

Gorel is former technology executive and successful real estate investor. He specializes in identifying attractive markets and forming reliable networks to assist busy professionals.

The talk is at Hyatt Rickeys, Foster Room, 4219 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call (415) 927-7504 for more details.

On Thurs., June 17, 7-9 p.m., Marvin Gardens Real Estate presents, a free "Home Buyer Seminar."

"inar" at its location at 7502 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. Topics to be discussed include: how much you can afford; how to sell and buy at the same time; first-time buying; and prequalifying. Space is limited. Call (510) 273-9856 to reserve a seat.

On Thurs., June 17, 5:30 p.m., the Splinter Group (an organization of various East Bay professionals) and the S.F. Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry

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Is it time to conclude unhappy relationship with your agent?



Real Estate Forum

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The relationship between buyer or seller and real estate agent can be complex. You want someone who is there for you and on your side and in most cases you are satisfied. But what about when things aren't going well between you and your agent?

You may feel that you're not getting enough attention or your agent is hovering and pushing you too hard. Your home has been on the market for two months and no offers have come in, or you've looked at 20 houses and each one has been more unsuitable than the last.

What to do

(A) You complain to your spouse and yell at your kids, but you don't try to talk to your agent because you know he's not going to listen. You figure your agent's in charge and you really shouldn't be having feelings of discomfort. You want to avoid bad feelings so you go on as if you are feeling fine about everything. In time you develop severe angina.

(B) After talking with an agent for six months about listing your property, you list with someone you just met. You stop returning the first agent's phone calls; after your home is listed she'll see it for herself in the new listings anyway.

If you have been looking for property to buy, you simply start looking with another agent. When you have finally made an offer you leave a brief message on the first agent's voice mail telling her you've bought a house and no longer need her services.

(C) You make a sincere effort to communicate, telling the agent how you are feeling and why. If you can't come to a reconciliation that is comfortable for you, let him know that you are planning to use another agent's services.

Need I explain why (C) is the best choice for your health, not to mention your sense of fair play? You may find yourself surprised at the response you get by being honest and a bit confrontational. Often the agent is not aware of how you are feeling and is willing to make changes.

Where you stand

What is this relationship between buyers and sellers and agents?

If your house is already listed with your agent, you have a legal contract with the real estate company. Ask for a conference with the agent and the broker of the company to review any major problems. If your dissatisfaction cannot be resolved, attempt to negotiate a mutual release from the listing contract. Be aware, however, that you are in contract with the real estate company itself, which has the legal option of suing you for the full commission.

In most cases you will be able to reach a negotiated settlement, perhaps by paying a portion of the company's expenditure to date in marketing your property.

Often, however, you are working with someone you haven't exactly hired and you don't exactly need to fire. You realize that he has made a commitment of time and perhaps money in trying to serve you but still you feel dissatisfied.

Think it through

First, examine your own motivations. Are you playing Shoot The Messenger? Is your agent telling you the price you want for your house is too high and the proof is that no one has made an offer even though it's been held open Sunday after Sunday?

You think the agent's marketing technique is faulty and it may well be, but if your asking price is too high, chances are your property won't sell no matter how hard the agent works.

You may need a change of strategy. Ask the agent to show

you exactly what she has done to market your property. You may be pleasantly surprised at the extent of the agent's efforts, or you both may see where her program is lacking.

There can be many reasons why an agency relationship isn't working. Sometimes it's an unresolved

'Whatever happens, you have every right to change agents.'

ble personality conflict or a style of working that doesn't feel comfortable to you. Maybe it's the agent's lack of experience or judgment or communication.

If things don't change even after you've aired your concerns, you might want to have a conference with the agent and the agent's broker before you decide to move on.

Whatever happens, if you are still not happy, you have every right to change agents. You should not have to work with someone you don't like or trust, period. Be gentle when saying goodbye, but there's no need for guilt or apology.

Saying farewell

Start with the positive, what you have appreciated about this person. Keep the discussion brief and pointed. Say, "We've been dissatisfied with A, B, and C for some time now. We've already discussed these issues but we're still not feeling comfortable about working with you. We have decided to work with someone else."

The agent may make some effort to change your mind, but if you have really decided to move on, don't be drawn into a fruitless discussion.

A new client told me recently that the agent through whom she had bought her new property had yelled, threatened, and "gotten hysterical" when told that she was not going to be hired to list my client's duplex. Agents naturally feel some combination of disappointment, hurt, and anger at being rejected. But, most will handle themselves in a professional manner and will take care of their own feelings in a way that does not affect you.

Do not let yourself be badgered or harassed in any way by your former agent. Confront with behavior that you find offensive, repeat that you have decided to work with someone else and that you will not engage in further discussion.

For the few agents that do not know how to take no for an answer, you can complain to (1) the

agent's broker, (2) the Association of Realtors, and/or (3) the Department of Real Estate.

Even when there are irreconcilable differences, and you and your agent agree to part, in most cases you can both leave with a good feeling about one another. After all, the agent you let go today may be the same person who next week lists your dream home or brings you the perfect buyer for the house you've now listed with someone else.

(Andrea Land is a Realtor with Mason-McDuffie.)

■ Events

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hold their first joint meeting to talk about improved communication between the client and the contractor.

The meeting will take place under an open tent looking onto the estuary, adjoining Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square. A no-host bar will be followed by dinner. Then Peter Miller, publisher of *Remodeling Magazine*, will talk and an open forum for questions will follow.

Early reservations are advised. Send a \$35 per person check by June 11 to: Damage Control Mediation Service, 3630 Park Blvd., Oakland 94610. (Indicate dinner preference: salmon or pasta!) No phone reservations.

On June 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again on June 29 and 30, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) presents

a free training for landlords and property managers on how to deal with drug activity on your property.

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129 Ridgemont Ct.	Mint Condition	3+bd/2+ba	\$439,000
130 Arrowhead Dr.	Montclair	5bd/3ba	\$429,000
131 Villanova Dr.	Montclair	3bd/3ba Pristine	\$399,900
132 Oakmore Rd.	Montclair	3+bd/3ba English	\$395,000
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173 Reinhards	Redwood Heights	3bd/2+bd Reduced!	\$312,000
174 Taurus Ave.	Montclair	2+bd/2+bd Remod. Kit.	\$309,000
175 Clarendon Crest	New Listing!	3bd/2+ba	\$306,000
176 Charleton St.	Lincoln Heights	3bd/2ba Hot Tub	\$305,000
177 Brookpark	Parkridge Estates	4bd/2+ba	\$299,000
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